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opposed it. Why wouldn't they? There's a possibility they may not have their job. But you know we're creating a lot...we're moving a lot of legislation through that some people's jobs might be in jeopardy. So.... And the bottom line is, folks, it's just like we tell them in (LB) 1114. What do we tell them? You got to vote, there's a vote there, it has to happen, the vote has to happen. And my good friend, Senator Kristensen, came over and was visiting about it, and he was wondering how I felt. And I said, well I had supported the bill in committee. And he said well there really isn't...I don't know just how he said it. There wasn't much comparison. You think about the difference between county government and city government. Well you got a sheriff, you got a police department, you got a city clerk, and you got a county clerk, you got a treasurer in both of them, you got someone that takes care of the roads for the city, you got someone that takes care of the roads in the county. And I agree, there's some differences in those. But basically I think what Senator Hillman is getting across is you're going to have a more efficient government, you would have a more efficient government because you wouldn't have 12 fiefdoms out there doing their own thing and no one out there that could say, come on now, let's change what you're doing, let's be more efficient let's be...let's be more open to the public. So I think the only thing you have to fear is change. And naturally, this is a great...the Legislature is a great change agent, because everytime we pass a bill we change something, and usually there's someone for it and someone against it. And got to refer back to Senator Chambers, there are a lot of kings and queens out there that really have a concern about this bill. But could it make government a little more efficient? I think it could, I think government could be more efficient because of this. We've had county government, the county government has been this way for years, hasn't changed a bit. And I'll tell you one thing, folks, you go out and talk to people that are not in county government, and I think in my counties, if this went up to a vote, I think it would have a very good chance to pass. I support Senator Hillman. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes. I'd like to go back to some of the discussion again that Senator Lynch referred to a shot gun approach, last minute approach of some kind, that he's saying