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SENATOR ROBINSON: Right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...they're going to get and that sort of thing.

SENATOR ROBINSON: So they would have the authority to call the meeting is basically what you're saying then or...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah. If...I've got some other questions about how this council is designed to work, but at...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But at least there could be a meeting where they could discuss it, even if they county didn't think it was...they wanted to do it.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I'll give the remainder of my time to Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Thank you very much, Senator Robinson and Senator Beutler. As we have already mentioned, the counties now establish what those levies will be for tax purposes. What will happen now is that this...this group of governments will make that determination as to what kind of levy they have to function. I'm kind of curious about it. If that's true then, what about that fundamental and, in fact, long established constitutional responsibility the counties have, in the case of Douglas County, the Douglas County Board to establish those levies?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, as I understand the council amendment, it doesn't transfer any authority whatsoever. The county's still ultimately in control. And that's the reason why I think the other little districts, if they want to form this council and have a forum for discussing their levies with the county, they ought to be able to do so because nothing in the bill is changed with regard to the county's authority. Even if they have this council and they all meet and they all complain about what the county is doing, and the county is still going to be able to go ahead and do just that, if that's what seems to be the...the thing they deem to be appropriate.

SENATOR LYNCH: Okay. I appreciate that. What I'm curious