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the...some, I suppose you could have an airport authority that actually crossed a county line as well. They are districts other than, and maybe it's a way to define them is that they're districts other than schools, ESUs, NRDs, community colleges, counties, or municipalities. They're anybody else that uses property tax to support their operations, anybody other than schools, counties, municipalities, ESUs, NRDs, and community colleges...thank you, Jim...anybody other than those. Okay? Now, the...there are two difficulties with your proposal for an average or a blended levy. One is that it still requires two or more county boards to consider the identical budget and to say, in some instances, this is all we're willing to allocate. Even if they had just 1 percent of the valuation of a district, they'd still be required to sit and consider that budget. I don't know whether that's worth the trouble, because then you're going to have miscellaneous districts...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...running around to at least two, maybe three, maybe more county boards, trying to schedule meetings, hearings to consider budgets, when there's maybe very, very little impact in their particular county. In addition, the average would not necessarily fully address the issue that you're raising, and that is the potential for more than a 45-cent levy, because the average could still bring more than a 45-cent levy in any one of the counties. And, in fact, in that instance it could even bring an amount that was in excess in the primary county where the most dollars were going to be raised. Remember, what we have now is a system that...what we're proposing is actually a system that at least protects those taxpayers in the county where the predominate share of the value is. Your proposal wouldn't protect any of them.

SENATOR BROMM: Well,...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Time.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: If that...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Sorry, gentlemen. Senator Cudaback, for discussion on the committee amendment.