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SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Before we proceed, I would like to announce that Senator Wehrbein has as his guests, in the north balcony, 21 fourth graders from Plattsmouth Elementary School, Plattsmouth, Nebraska. (Introduced teacher.) Would you please rise and let us welcome you to the Chamber today. Thank you for coming. I hope you enjoy your time in the Capitol. Next speaker, Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in support of this amendment, because I think they kind of used Custer County for an example on a lot of this, because we have townships, and we have hospital districts, we have fire districts, and we got about eleven fire districts, and I'd say half of them lap over into other counties. And from all of the meetings that I have had with the fire districts, I think this is one thing that they would like, because then they'd know where they was at, and that's what the problem is right now. If they knew that the primary county would set the mill levy, and they knew that's what they'd get, and the ones that sit outside of that primary county could vote to go above it, I realize there might be some cases that they might go over the 45 cents outside of the county that it's not the primary county. But I still think that this is the best solution that I've heard yet to try to solve this. So again I want to rise and support Senator Wickersham's amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Wickersham, yours is the last light on, did you wish this to constitute your closing on the committee amendment?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I'll be pleased to do that, Mr. President. I am grateful for the questions that have been posed this morning. I think that they have caused us to have a good understanding of what's being presented to you. I'm not going to presume how you want to vote. Obviously, I hope that you'll follow the committee recommendations. But I think the important thing for you at the moment is to understand why we're making a recommendation of the kind that is presented in the amendment, and that again is, as was stated in the discussion with Senator Cudaback. We have opted for a simplified solution, one that we think is easily implemented. There is some cost to that choice, and the potential cost is a levy by someone who resides outside