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political subdivisions that need it. So again, I'm expecting that we'll have a full debate of all of the provisions of the measure. I don't...I hope I did not slight any of them in this introduction. I'm not intending to do that; simply waiting for the debate. But with that, I'll conclude the opening and ask for your attention and consideration as we continue. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Chambers. Excuse me, Senator. Before that, Mr. Clerk, there are committee amendments. The Chair recognizes Senator Wickersham to open on the committee amendments. (AM2848 appears on page 420 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. The committee amendments, I think, are really, for the most part, quite technical and designed to tighten up the measure. If you follow along in the committee amendments, you'll see that they make changes on page 4 of the bill, and I don't think I need to recite to you exactly what the language is in each case, but we're making clear that what we're talking about, at least on page 4, is the potential for the levy of taxes and differences in those levies within and with outside municipalities or urbanized areas. It is simply clarifying language so that if we pass that section, it is absolutely clear that we are focusing on the potential for differential levies of taxes, within or with outside of municipalities or urbanized areas. The amendment that would appear for you on page 7 follows with the proposal for amending the provisions on section 4...or page 4. Those two provisions follow each other and it's necessary to keep them current. The other provision in the committee amendment...one of them is somewhat substantive, but this is in the area that deals with the potential taxation of governmental property that is not used for governmental purposes. We're simply going to insert and make clear that we're talking about the authorized public service...public purposes, not public purposes in general. That may be a little bit too broad. If you have a specialized political subdivision, they may be able to assert that they're using their property in a way that some other political subdivision is using it, and therefore it's for a public purpose. So we're simply narrowing that language so it is clear that it's the authorized public purpose, not just any public purpose in general. The next change in that section is