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state aid, federal aid, other sources of revenue, but we also caused a couple of classes of taxpayers to pay, because of what they do for a living, because of providing the businesses, because of providing the manufacturing opportunities, because they provide the services, an extra burden in supporting the...supporting the services provided by local government. If, in fact, 45CA would pass at the polls and we would move into an area, a time when city-county mergers would be the thing to do, unless those groups of people have some sort of additional protection, it would probably be the most serious disincentive to business that we've ever saw. At a time when we're trying to encourage, it would be a great discouragement. I think, at this point in time, if it would fit someplace, there needs to be another look taken at this section of 45CA, the whole Section 2. Are city-county mergers what we want to provide for, and if so, how should they be supported? And if there are better words, if there is a better way than what the Revenue Committee has come up with, came up with, I'm certainly willing and receptive and eager...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...to find that out, but I am not so sure that here on the floor in the conversations back and forth, that we're making any forward progress toward finding the magic words that would address all of our concerns and provide some degree of protection for those people who would live outside of municipalities, and in the event of a merger would be paying for services that they could not receive, would not receive, and for practical...practically speaking, might not have any need of. With that, Mr. Speaker, I would relinquish the last few seconds. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Upon the request of the principal introducer to take LR 45CA off of the agenda at this point in time, the Chair will do that, and we'll next move to the next item, LB 1152. Mr. Clerk, before we move to that, do you have any items for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. Thank you. Transportation Committee reports (LB) 1256 to General File, (LB) 1132 General File with amendments. Judiciary reports (LB) 906 to General