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state assessors and, at that time, I supported that wholeheartedly. I could see where this was going to be a great savings to the counties in...in the state, and which it was. I mean it...the counties that have adopted the assessors plan have realized a large saving. On the other hand, I hear a lot of unhappy people with the way that the...the way this is...the assessors are handling themselves in those counties and the...whether this would have...this would have happened or not I'm not sure. I'm...but I'm more skeptical now than I was...was then. I mean it was new ground we were breaking and I can...and looking at the sheet that Senator Beutler has handed out I can see considerable amount of saving to certain counties. But, on the other hand, I think I'm going to be a little more cautious this time. We have a very good discussion on...on the floor this afternoon. I wonder, though, are...if we will lose...if we'll lose a little continuity amongst the people and their clerk of the district court. And who knows what's going to happen with the child payments, you know, dependent children and so on, if that is going to lose a little personal touch there. And the way it is now, of course, the clerks of the district are elected. We're going to be changing that. So I want...I want you to all be aware that this is...it's probably a big undertaking, and make sure you listen to the discussion that's happening. Senator Beutler, I commend you for bringing this. I can see where it's going to be a money saving. It's a property tax relief bill, exactly what it is, but at whose expense? Now I want to...I want you to be aware that this is something that we're taking away from the electorate to elect these people to those offices, so I'm interested in the discussion and what time I have left I'll give it back to Senator Beutler, if he'd like to respond to some of my concerns about this. Senator Beutler, you can have my time, the remainder of it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, a little over two minutes left.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Senator, I appreciate your concern. I...and I think it's appropriate in the sense that something of this scale needs to be looked at with a...with a skeptical eye and I hope you'll continue to look at it skeptically, but I also obviously hope that you'll move it along and give it a fair chance. It's...the assessors' situation is so totally different