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know that probably some of our entities such as the Educational Service Unit would like to remain economists as they are, and they are economists but I think they should be required to answer questions from the county board, at least, once a year as to what they are doing with their money and whether it satisfies the county board. And these County Boards are our representatives. They are our local government and I think it is so important to have these multi county units to explain to each county board what they are spending their money for. It's as simple as that.

SPEAKER: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator Nore, would you yield to a question, please?

SENATOR NORE: Certainly.

SENATOR BARNETT: I couldn't get this answered in Committee and I'm not sure that I asked it, but I'm wondering what would happen if these members could not appear at this board for that county budget hearing. Would their budget then be disregarded or what would happen? Because it makes it mandatory. It says "they shall appear".

SENATOR NORE: Well, I would--if it's "shall" I would think that they would probably--I couldn't imagine them not presenting their budget.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, it would depend on how far they might have to travel, wouldn't it.

SENATOR NORE: I think the County Board would have a great deal of discretion if they got in a snowstorm or something of that type of weather, they could hold it on another day or continue the annual meeting.

SENATOR BARNETT: Would you be against changing that word "shall" to "may"?

SENATOR NORE: No.

SENATOR BARNETT: You wouldn't be against it?

SENATOR NORE: I would be.

SENATOR BARNETT: Oh, I didn't understand you that way.

SENATOR NORE: Because if you put it "may" you are not going to have anybody appear.

SENATOR BARNETT: OK, thank you.

SPEAKER: Senator Hasebroock.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, would Senator Nore yield to a question.

SENATOR NORE: Certainly.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Senator Nore, do I understand this right? If there is a subdivision of government--a government in several counties, for instance, like a fire district or--do they have to appear in each county with their budget?

SENATOR NORE: Yes.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: They do?

SENATOR NORE: Yes.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: They have to present it to County X and County Y and County Z.