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SPEAKER: A machine vote has been called for. Is there anyone else who wishes to discuss LB 530. Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: I am sorry, Senator Stull, I did not hear all of your or any of your talk. I was out in the rotunda but did you indicate..someone tipped me off..but did you indicate that it is taking the authority away from the counties, is this right?

SPEAKER: Senator Stull, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR STULL: Senator Burbach, the way I read Section 3, it says, 'any cost incurred by the Tax Commissioner in performing the agreement for the joint undertaking shall be paid from the Tax Commissioner's revolving fund.' I think he has the authority to go ahead and pay that out whenever he determines the work has been completed and I would think that that matter should rest with the County Board or, at least, they should have some say about it.

SENATOR BURBACH: Senator Stull, he has..the counties have three options. Do you understand this, that they have the three options of using a professional firm, to using their own and asking the state to come with them and help them, or to have the state do it entirely for them.

SENATOR STULL: I understand that.

SENATOR BURBACH: Ya, if this being the case, in Section 3 as you read it there, is it not only the case where the state does it alone at the option..after the decision has been arrived at by the County Board.

SPEAKER: Senator Stull, did you wish to yield?

SENATOR STULL: I think, perhaps, Senator Burbach is right but I wish he would point out to me just where the County Board has authority in this area.

SPEAKER: Senator Burbach, you have a question here. Will you repeat the question, Senator Stull?

SENATOR STULL: Senator Burbach, where do you see that the County Board has authority in this area?

SENATOR BURBACH: Senator Stull, I can tell you this. I don't know just...I have to get the right bill here, excuse me, but the County people, and I've sat with them, with the Tax Commissioner and we went over LB 530 line by line and

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there wasn't any objections raised other than one and that change was provided for in the bill, in the drafting of the bill and so this is in concurrence with all the county people who sat down and there were many of them, and they find no fault with the distribution of the allocation of the funds or who pays them or disburses them. So, I am sure there is no problem between County Officials losing authority of the expenditure of their funds because they were well aware of it. They also had with them, Mr. Gustavson, who is the, I don't say legal, but he is a counsel to them and these people with the assessors and the commissioner were completely satisfied with LB 530.

SENATOR STULL: OK. Thank you.