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or sufficient...I'd amend that and say sufficient protection from political influence?

SENATOR FOWLER: I would say that LB995 as its constructed does. It...currently there is no civil service system. This bill creates a board and an outline for that plan. It would be up to the county board and also the personnel board that would be picked to develop this plan. It would leave a lot of responsibility in the local government, to local elected board.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Would the responsibility rest with the Personnel Board or with the County Board?

SENATOR FOWLER: Well, the Personnel Board would be the one to draft the personnel plan according to the system or according to the outlines in the bill. The County Board would be able to review that much in the same way as this legislative body would review personnel plan that would come from the director of personnel. But....

SENATOR R. LEWIS: But the final authority would be with the County Board then?

SENATOR FOWLER: Yes.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: And so these employees are still then subject to perhaps I should say that they are not exempt then from political influence.

SENATOR FOWLER: Well, if you mean by political influence the ruling of elected officials on the policies of the county, they would in fact fall under that.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: And they would still be under the authority of the County Board then, wouldn't they?

SENATOR FOWLER: Well, the personnel plan would be reviewed. ...by the County Board but it's.....

SENATOR R. LEWIS: And they would fall under that plan?

SENATOR FOWLER: And they would fall under that plan so indirectly you could construe that but again I would use the analogy that this Legislature like reviewed the state pay plan, it reviews other proposals that you cannot have proposals like this rested a non-elected board. That the final decision on things like wages, salaries, scale of wages and things like that must fall with elected officials because it deals directly with tax funds. This is why I feel this is a sound bill in its present form.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator R. Lewis is now closing.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I just renew my move to return LB995 to Select File for this amendment.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator R. Lewis has moved to return LB995 to Select File for the specific amendment which is found page 1013 of the Journal. Now, the question is, shall LB995 be returned for the specific amendment. You are voting to return the bill only. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. The motion is to return LB995 to