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Lancaster County.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So your opposition is based around funds and not the goal or purpose of the commission once it would be established, should it be established?

SENATOR MURPHY: That is true. If you will strike the word "funds" from the bill, I would be perfectly willing to let it go but I don't want the structure set up because you and I, Senator Chambers, know how many times the word "shall" becomes a substitute for the word "may" in this body.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why would you want to eliminate Douglas County?

SENATOR MURPHY: I have no desire to eliminate Douglas County. If Douglas County, if the people of Douglas County come down and make the same expression and ask that their county be allowed to fund it and there is no objection from their county, then that would be a matter for the Legislature to proceed with it. I have no objection to anything Douglas County does.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Doesn't your amendment eliminate Douglas County?

SENATOR MURPHY: No, but it does not include Douglas County when Douglas County has not requested it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Doesn't your amendment limit this to a county of 100,000 but less than 200,000?

SENATOR MURPHY: It does and I would say that that same bill also limits it to a city of the primary class, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, how would limiting it to a county of less than 200,000 allow Douglas County to be a part of it?

SENATOR MURPHY: As I say, if Douglas County wishes to come before this body and ask that they be allowed to fund such an institution, I would have no objection to it but I don't like to visit on them something they have not indicated any desire for.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then if a bill comes before the Legislature that relates to any aspect of county government, are you taking the position that until we hear the desires of each of the