

SENATOR HABERMAN: But on the other hand, you are saying that all of the other governmental subdivisions are already under it, or will all come under it.

SENATOR WESELY: Right

SENATOR HABERMAN: Will or are?

SENATOR WESELY: Almost all of them already are. There are only three or four groups that we missed last year, and they have all said that they will, so...

SENATOR HABERMAN: But you can't say that they will.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, they've told us they will, Senator Haberman, at the hearing. They came to us and said we want this authorization because we will pursue it if you give it to us.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, I'd like to commend Senator Lamb for bringing this before the body because I didn't catch it. What if we...the schools said they would do it, like these other people told you they would do it, and you leave it "may"?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, would you respond, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Excuse me, I'm sorry, I was talking to Senator Warner.

SENATOR HABERMAN: The schools, did they testify that they wanted this "shall", or did they indicate to you that they would do it also as some of these other governmental subdivisions told you that they might or will do it?

SENATOR WESELY: The school boards and school teachers, I think the school administrators, all came and said we want this. But to do this, because you have different school districts involved under the system, it has to be mandatory across the board for the system to then make the application, united, to the IRS. If they aren't united, if it isn't mandatory, they can't make the application, or they could apply I suppose, but they would be denied. See, it is different, Senator Haberman, if I could for a second. If Lancaster County is given authorization, they say let's do