

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...and I don't know who to ask my question of. Senator Abboud, Senator Abboud, will you yield? Why are we narrowing the scope again? Why did the committee narrow the scope which the amendment that we are on has to detail to counties and ESUs? Okay, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Pirsch, the answer to that is simple. We got into this in the hearing, and Senator Abboud can talk about that if he likes or the committee members of the Government Committee, and we found that the whole area of audits is a mess. It is truly a mess. Different subdivisions have different things going, different requirements, different options, the whole thing, and we found that we could get into it, but we're in a special session and we have a specific problem we need to deal with. And so rather than get into all that other stuff, we're cutting that all out of the bill and we're not getting into it and we'll deal with it next session. Senator Landis, Senator Lundy, Senator Rogers, some others have talked, on the committee, Senator Abboud about getting...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Just answer this question then. What now presently can the state auditor get involved with other than counties and ESUs?

SENATOR WESELY: He is...the only areas he is mandated to do the audits is counties and ESUs. I think he has got some options in some others and frankly I don't have...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Presently all he is mandated is...

SENATOR WESELY: Counties and ESUs.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...counties and ESUs.

SENATOR WESELY: That is the only area we really have a problem with.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. I'm sorry I don't know the history, but I was curious as to why we would limit, if indeed, they were doing other things...

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, no.