

SENATOR HABERMAN: That's the issue right here this morning.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: ...they are the only county that has...

SENATOR HABERMAN: I am going to have to, Senator Schellpeper, I am going to have to oppose your amendment because the committee decided to allow Howard County in. I have been here, we've done this before. If a county wants to be in, they come to the Legislature. The Legislature has the authority to put them in or put them out, and that's our job. If you want to have everything on a local level and local vote, we don't need the Legislature anymore, Senator Schellpeper, because let the local people decide all of this. And then I'd have to ask another question, who is going to pay for this election? Where are they going to get the money to pay? Well, the county is going to pay for it. The county is going to say, I'm not going to pay for this. The Legislature said we are going to pay for it, but I don't have the money. We're right up next to our mill levy now. So I think it is a poor amendment. I ask the members of the body to oppose the Schellpeper amendment to 246. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Hartnett. Senator Hartnett. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Madam President and members of this body, I rise and oppose this here amendment too because I don't know for sure if it is constitutional to start out with, and I visited with the Secretary of State quite a bit on it, and he give me about 16 reasons why it won't work, and one of them was who is going to pay for it. And another one would be, if it was a corporation, who is going to vote, and if there is a partnership, who is going to vote there. And none of that is stated out in the amendment, so I don't think it's going to work, and one of the main things I'd say is if you have got cattle, if you are 16, 17 years old and you can't vote until you are 18, but you are a resident and own cattle there, who is going to decide whether they can vote or not. So it's got a lot of problems, the way the amendment is wrote up, so I am going to rise to oppose it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I, too, oppose this amendment. I've been in the Legislature for