

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...registration as many of the other provisions that allow for additional funds for a state to receive monies in this program. There's a whole number of other things, laundry list of things that states can do, that this state hasn't adopted, frankly, I would believe, because they cost money. We haven't supplied video tape cameras for all officers for purposes of receiving an additional 5 percent under this program. The fact of the matter is diversion programs do not jeopardize our funding. It's in the law. That's from the Department of Transportation in Washington, not from Mr. McPherson down in Kansas City. That just is not true. This amendment is ridiculous on its face. To say that any county can have a veto right over another county for purposes of a....

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...(inaudible) program is ridiculous public policy. I would urge you to reject this amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Lindsay, followed by Senator Abboud, Hall, Bromm and Bernard-Stevens. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I rise in opposition to the amendment. As I mentioned that there would be some of these amendments that would be...to ask you to look carefully at and that were trying to gut the bill, trying to defeat the bill. This is one of them. This amendment simply gives veto...if 92 counties in the state want to have one of these and Douglas County says, no, Omaha runs this state and we don't like it, the rest of you are not going to have one; then that is what happens. As I was discussing with the Speaker, if Kimball County says, no, we don't want it, everybody else in the state does, but we don't want it, then everybody else is controlled. I think that's a heck of a precedent to be setting. If we have veto power given to one county regardless of its size, regardless of anything, give one county veto power over all the others, I think that is just terrible policy for this Legislature to be setting regardless of what issue it deals with. Obviously, this amendment, if it's adopted, would take out any ability whatsoever for any county attorney to do that unless all county attorneys get together and decided on it.