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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: She said, I don't think they can, so that means the 50....

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, Senator Wehrbein. We probably better have her say that into her microphone.

SENATOR JOHANNIS: I don't think they can, but I can certainly get that answer for you, absolutely, before the next time we talk on this bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I will...I would like to ask some questions in time, too. I'll let it go for now.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Baack, please.

SENATOR BAACK: I'll call the question.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. There are no other lights on, but thank you, Senator Baack. Any...Would you like to close, Senator Johannis?

SENATOR JOHANNIS: Yes, as far as the question that Senator Schmit raised about the equipment, I have no problem if you want to take that out. That is perfectly fine with me. If you have a concern about how that would be interpreted, I have no problem with letting that go. As far as the raising of the limits, I will be honest with you and say that that is the controversial part of the bill. The question is whether or not, since 1971 in Douglas County's case, renovation costs and general maintenance projects have increased to the extent where they need this raise in the limit. I would submit to you that county boards are held directly accountable for the decisions that they make and the spending that they do. Maybe more accountable, in fact, than we are because they generally are a smaller body and are held very accountable for the tax levies. I speak from experience on that case. In any case, I do hope that you go ahead and advance the bill and I urge your support.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.