

but it certainly is tempting.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a brief couple of comments. Senator Moore, I agree with you on most of the comments that you made. I wanted to add a couple of other things. First of all, I do not support the amendment, though I certainly support the intent. And I know it is very difficult if you have an area of growth to be all of a sudden extended for two years beyond what you thought originally you would be under a lid, as we do on 829, and certainly I can understand the feeling. They are trying to make some headway on that. But one of things that we are going to do in the concept of 1059 is we talked on the property side, we talked more on school equity side of financing, but we, basically, said, hey, we are going to let this thing set for a year, let it shake out and see what happens. Now I understand that we are having to make some changes because of the tax side, but I think for the most part if we are going to be looking at different exemptions here and there, let's don't start cracking the door now because of one thing. Let's look at NRDs. Let's look at Fire Districts. Let's look at cemetery boards, or whomever, would be covered under the political subdivisions, and let's look at the whole thing as a policy. And I kind of reject the idea of we have a good idea, a good cause, we are going to put another little niche in the crack, we are going to make that crack a little bit bigger because, quite honestly, that is where government has failed before. We deliver on a promise. We say we are not going to change much. We are going to add the lids, and then all of a sudden, we, for good reasons, we begin to make changes in that and make substitutions and also then make exemptions here and there, and pretty soon you circumvent the very policy that the people, for the most part, voted to retain. And I think it is poor policy at this time to make this change, and I oppose the Schimek amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Rasmussen, followed by Senator Schimek, Moore, and Hefner. Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Madam President, I rise in support of this amendment. I realize some of the issues about opening the door here, but I think a couple of things need to be kept in mind.