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reimbursement for indebtedness or for a grant or loan to provide financial relief, and so this...this addition that I'm asking to put on this morning is merely to make it uniform in its intent throughout the bill, and it was...it was just an error that it was left out when the bill was originally drafted, and so I'm just asking that to be included in order to correct that...that place that we left it out.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yeah, I understand that but I wanted to discuss, at some point, the idea of the loans being available anyway. So since the matter is before us on your amendment that relates to creating consistency in the bill, I want to ask a question about this...the ability of counties, cities and villages right now under the existing law to obtain loans. Can they obtain loans from the state? Are they authorized under the law in the constitution to obtain loans because I don't know?

SENATOR VRTISKA: I don't think they are, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Senator Warner, I'd like...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to ask you a question if I may

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Warner, Senator Vrtiska gives it as his opinion that counties, cities and villages right now can obtain loans from the state. Are you aware of any having obtained loans in the past for any reason? I just don't know.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator, I was just sitting here reading the constitution to see if there was some prohibition because I don't...I don't recall, but I don't know, Senator, but I was just sitting here reading, so...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, and...

SENATOR WARNER: ...if you give me a little more time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Oh, Senator Wehrbein is raising his hand to offer, so I am going to pass that question to Senator Wehrbein.