

impact that the property taxpayer will appreciate untold end. Now the reason that we propose this amendment is solely one of equity which many of you advocate and the equity in this case is that a whole series of governmental subdivisions now pay and have always paid for their audits and we proposed in the sense of equity that the two governmental subdivisions whose audits are paid for by the state ought to be treated the same as others and that is all it does. But if there is interest in the other proposal to really have a beneficial impact of keeping that property tax down, you just stop over here any time. I have got the amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, a question of Senator Warner please.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Warner, would you respond?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: What are some of the entities that are not presently paying for their audits?

SENATOR WARNER: The state pays for educational service units and counties.

SENATOR HABERMAN: The state pays for the educational service units and the counties?

SENATOR WARNER: Audits. These following governmental subdivisions pay for their own audits: Metropolitan water districts, parking authorities, municipalities, natural resource districts, sanitary improvement districts, public power districts, reclamation districts, technical community colleges, they all pay for their own audits. In some cases they have a private auditor and they only have to file the audit and in other cases the state auditor would do it.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Why are those two excluded?

SENATOR WARNER: That is the way it has always been I guess.

SENATOR HABERMAN: The counties and the ESUs, right?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you.