

favorably upon that. I guess everybody in here really needs to make a personal type of decision on that. I, sometimes Senator Bernard-Stevens and I sit back here and kind of joke a little bit about people that stand up on the floor and take the time of the body to give speeches and then not conclude on how they are going to vote or attempt to influence anyone's vote, because I really don't know what direction I am going to go on this, but I thought maybe having had experience confronting this issue, that that experience might be of some benefit to some people. There are strong arguments on both sides of including the other subdivisions in this limitation. If your goal, I guess, is to guarantee that there will be...that property taxpayers in those areas that receive increased funding for education will see commensurate reductions in their total property tax, you probably need to bring the subdivisions in.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: I think what Senator Conway has done is he has drafted a budget limitation that is a livable one, and also one that goes out of effect, as I understand it, for...after a couple of years making sure that there is some...that at least in the first couple of years that this increased state aid is out there, that the other subdivisions won't eat it all up. So I think it is something that subdivisions probably can live with, and if you are so inclined to want to place one more guarantee into this bill, this is another way of doing it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Rod Johnson, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do, and the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please. Continue on, I made a mistake, Senator Chambers, and I retract it. It is the first one, I realize that. Now record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Conway, would you like to close on your amendment, please.