

SENATOR WESELY: Well I appreciate that. So you have tried to look at broader exemptions from that constitutional provision?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, I have, Senator Wesely, and I've introduced a bill, in fact, this year was the second year I've introduced that bill. The first year I did a laundry list of things. This year I went towards ministerial duties. The Revenue Committee pulled out from that just a certain spot towards that being the medical facilities.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. All right, so you feel that constitutionally we're on solid ground and that possibly there may be further things that can be done but maybe they are a little less certain. Is that fair?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, I think it's a matter of policy and it's how far you want to go. Obviously, I would have preferred my bill, 65, to which would have done everything. I don't think that's possible. This is a smaller, probably a more conservative move in terms of what the Revenue Committee did. I'm comfortable with that for this year and I think it's a step that we'll look at in the future because we do have, depending on what we do with personal property tax, depending what we do with ag land values, you're going to have probably 15 to 18 counties up against the levy limit yet this year.

SENATOR WESELY: All right. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak to this amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Kristensen? Closing is waived. We'll now vote on the motion, Select File amendment to LB 798. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Kristensen's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted.. Senator Will, would you like to make a motion to advance?.

SENATOR WILL: Madam President, I move the readvancement of LB 798 to E & R for engrossment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: You've heard the motion to advance to E & R.