

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is the amendment that I indicated earlier this morning was left out of the amendment. It was consistent with the handout that you had that had the breakdown of the provisions of the amendment we've been dealing with today, but this is an exception for the limitation that is in 1063 as far as the counties. And what this does, it permits the property taxes to be collected in a county to be above the lid, an amount equal to the loss in state aid that would occur...

(No overlap in tapes. Some debate may be lost.)

(Senator Warner speaking) ...collect, could collect will be equal to the increased valuation because of the depreciable agricultural equipment prorated by counties but they would be able to utilize that additional valuation to make up for the loss of the state aid and this is essentially a technical amendment that keeps the county harmless in terms of total dollars that they would be able to collect in the form of property tax.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Discussion on the Warner amendment, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Just for the record, Mr. President, and members, it may hold the county harmless, it does not hold the taxpayer harmless. It allows the taxpayers the privilege of having an increased levy to make up for the money which has been lost by virtue of previous amendments which have been adopted by this body, thereby increasing the tax burden on individual taxpayers within the county. It reaffirms my earlier conviction that in one way or another we will continue our inexorable rise in the spending at both the state and local level.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Anyone else wishing to address the amendment by Senator Warner? Seeing no one, do you wish to close, Senator Warner? Waives closing. We will now vote on the amendment by Senator Warner. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Warner's amendment to the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted.