

\$17 million. As you read through the amendment, it simply says that the commissioner decreases the amount that is to be distributed to the counties in any year, and so, you don't need to worry about how much you've appropriated. If you have an excess in that fund, you simply have that money left over in the following year. We estimate all kinds of things for budgetary purposes. A lot of them don't come out exactly where we estimated them, in any event, as I understand that process. So, finding \$100,000 here or there somewhere in the state budget doesn't disturb me if we didn't spend all that money. I, again, will reiterate that the purpose of this is simply to save the principle of the thing, and that is that if there has not been that economic activity, why should we penalize the counties by taking away state aid. As we take away state aid, that inevitably means higher taxes, higher property taxes, whether real property taxes, whether personal property taxes, doesn't make any difference at the local level. It simply means higher taxes. How can we honestly say that we want to take away money that is not justified, because the economic activity was not there? I do not understand that. And that's the principle that the amendment is directed at. I move its adoption.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. We will now vote on the Wickersham amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted on the Wickersham amendment? Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Madam President, could we have a call of the house and a roll call vote, please.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have a request for call of the house. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The house is under call. All unexcused senators, please return to the Chamber and record your presence. All unauthorized personnel must leave the floor. Would the senators please check in. The house is under call. And we will have a roll call vote. Senator Abboud, Ashford, Lamb, a Moore, please check in. Senator Nelson, Bohlke, and Byars, please check in. Senator Conway, Senator Coordsen, Senator Robinson, please check in. Senator Schmit, Senator Warner, Senator Wesely, and Senator Will. Senator Warner, would you