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There was...there was...that's a group that appeared on a...conceptually was a limitation on total levies, that's correct, it was at a lower level of this, but then they also have talked about another concept. I've read in the papers of property taxes not being more than a third on a statewide basis.

SENATOR PIRSCH: How did you or the committee arrive at these particular amounts per subdivision of government?

SENATOR WARNER: Arbitrary. (Laugh.) No, no, I withdraw that, it seemed like an awful good one-liner. The...no, the ..the...actually, there's a variety of ways...of things that you might look at. We're starting out with an assumption that there needs to be an overall reduction. And if you look at the handout, which we were trying to stay somewhat comparable but not identical by no means to the balances that to some extent exist now, and there's an assumption here that if you read the other sheet there's some other proposals that would eliminate some activities from property tax totally, and that's taken into account in arriving at the number that that kind of concept at least could be used. And on a statewide basis, at that number that was in there, we're talking about a range of, as I recall, between 285 million and 300 and some million of currently funded activities by property tax would either be eliminated or transferred to some other entity like the state or funded by some other source of property tax. It's a combination of things.

SENATOR PIRSCH: You looked really at maybe the total amount then of funding that is being funded by property tax?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, it's inaccurate. I would suggest this, there were so many factors, I don't like to get this boiled down (inaudible)...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator, but one of the things is that there is discussed frequently that whenever property taxes seem to get in excess of \$2 per \$100 of valuation, and I'm talking urban area, not...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Just one quick question.

SENATOR WARNER: ...(inaudible).