

you want to withdraw 1849.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senators Coordsen and Maurstad would move to amend. Senator Maurstad, the amendment is on page 1900 of the Journal, Senator.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President, in addition to the amendment being printed in the Journal I've also added to your pile of pertinent pieces of information by handing out the AM1866, in addition to that another example that I'll use. What we're talking about here is providing unused budget authority to other political subdivisions that levy a tax. Right now school districts have this ability. The other governing bodies do not. I was approached by a village board member from my district that presented a particular problem that he had and that dealt with their wanting to decrease their property tax levy but having no incentive, first of all, to do that because of the lid provisions and, secondly, no guarantee if they needed that authority down the line either because of an anticipated or unanticipated expense or a loss of revenue that they would not be able to meet their obligations as a village. I think that example crosses all political subdivisions where we need to look at providing flexibility to local subdivisions to not necessarily bump right up to their tax limitation and take away one of the arguments that's used many times by those that want to spend more and that if we don't use our taxing authority we lose it into the future. I have passed out an example that tries to illustrate this. I hope that it's somewhat clear. In two villages, it could just as easily be two fire districts or two cities or two counties. In going through a scenario over a couple of years of one village, Village A, decides not to increase their budget, their budget authority, therefore, goes unused for a number of years. Their levy stays the same. In comparison to Village B that uses the budget authority every year and after a three-year period what happens to their levy? I feel that the individual members can look at this chart and understand it so I'm not going to spend time reviewing every aspect of it. If someone has a question about the chart that I've handed out, I'd be more than willing to answer that. I think that this is a necessary tool that we need to provide, need to provide the local subdivisions. I don't think it...I