

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator McKenzie. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, I rise in support of the Maurstad-Coordsen amendment. I rise because I've had a lot of experience with villages and fire departments and other small entities who tax and I understand very plainly what they're trying to do because of experience. So many of the times the village board in a year when they really don't need the money particularly they tend to go ahead and levy it simply because they feel like that if they don't, then as Senator Maurstad said, they eventually will find themselves in a spot where they have less money to deal with and an issue comes up where they...it takes a tremendous amount of money, they don't have any way to do it. So I think what he's trying to do has some merit and I certainly would ask that other members look at it carefully if they understand the issue and as a result, support this. I just feel like that we need to be responsible if we're going to put lids on counties and villages and other entities we need to be responsible and give them some latitude so that they can help themselves out in these times of need that certainly can happen to anybody so with that I will support the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members. If Senator Maurstad would respond to a question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Maurstad, this is on your amendment as found on page 1900 of the Journal and that's AM1866, is that the correct...

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Right, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Okay. And I'm looking at line 7. It's where we say that any governing body that chooses not to increase it's anticipated aggregate receipts from property taxes to its authorized level for the current fiscal year may carry forward unused authority the next fiscal year, period. And then we go, in such case the auditor of public accounts shall calculate the amount of unused anticipated aggregate receipts from property taxes which shall be carried forward to future fiscal years. My question to you is, by using the auditor of public accounts,