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SENATOR VRTISKA: Right, and I'd just like to say one thing well...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Go ahead, you can take...(inaudible)

SENATOR VRTISKA: The only thing that I want to say and I forgot to say on my opening was that the local people are the ones that determine how much money we spend and because you give them the latitude and because you have now the Maurstad-Coordsen amendment on there, people are more comfortable without raising more taxes than they really need. Before there was a fear that if they didn't levy all they are allowed to, they would eventually lose the ability to so they had a tendency in many cases, and I can name cases where they actually levied more taxes than they needed simply because they didn't want to lose that ability. With that amendment he's taken care of and I guess I have enough faith in the local governing people to not expend any more money than they need and just because they are given the ability to do it doesn't mean they're going to do it so I guess I feel comfortable with just extending it for another year. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. And I want to clarify something Senator McKenzie said that I thought was inaccurate. I'm sure she didn't mean for it to be, when she said that this amendment guts the bill. It doesn't gut the bill at all. It changes one part of it. In fact, the main portion of the bill deals with the political subdivisions on whether or not their lids will sunset and my understanding is, Senator, are you saying that all political subdivisions the lids will stay the same for one year?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Or just the public schools?

SENATOR VRTISKA: No, all.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. So what it does, Senator McKenzie, is it doesn't gut the bill, it does the same concept in that it maintains spending lids on all the political subdivisions for another year and that's one of the major goals of 613 was that when the political subdivisions, not counting the schools, their lids were going to sunset anyway and so what