

have a change here you wanted to make?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Crosby, I guess I would like to ask for permission to substitute AM2102 for the amendment I put up simply because the amendment that I had up would wipe out the Maurstad amendment that has just been passed and in order to correct that I've got them up at bill drafters trying to get them down. That's why I've been stalling, trying to get a copy so everybody would have a copy of my amendment. It isn't down here yet and if you want to take my word for it, that's the only difference in the amendment that is being drafted in the one that I have filed up there.

SENATOR CROSBY: The Clerk has the amendment, so...

SENATOR VRTISKA: He doesn't have my amendment because it hasn't come down yet, right? Oh, you have my amendment up there?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator, I have the new amendment. It's 2102.

SENATOR CROSBY: The Clerk has the amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: AM2101, well I don't have copies down here but I guess what I'm saying is that what my amendment does is basically what I had told you earlier except it does leave the Maurstad amendment in there which has been just recently passed. I just want to continue on a little bit. I think that anybody, everybody in this Legislature who knows me knows that I am as conservative as anybody on this floor. The problem I have has been pretty well demonstrated by other people and that is in some sense we are playing a game and in some sense what we're saying is we don't trust the local elected officials to make decision on how they ought to spend their money and the amount that they ought to tax the people. I never felt serving on the board for many, many, many years we never overspent in our county. I can't say that for every county. I can't say that for every school district but by and large those who tend to spend more than the people that are satisfied with, end up being voted out, in many instances, being voted out of office and that's why I think that probably the best cap on spending we had is the elected officials who are in charge of the various entities of government. And so I do have some faith in what they do. We're talking about a difference of 1 percent here and a complete change in...somewhat in philosophy that I think that I don't necessarily disagree with and there may be instances