

from office which is the right thing to do and so I do leave some faith in the local elected officials' hands to make the decisions about the amount of money that ought to be spent. And I guess the only other thing that I have to say that if we really and truly, if we really and truly believe that we ought to reduce spending to the level that 613 as it was originally written says, then let's address the issue at the state level. Let's look at where the big bucks are and let's start talking about reducing their budget down to 3 percent instead of the 4, 5 plus percent that's being spent now and let's get at the real seat of the problem. I realize this is local taxes as opposed to income and sales tax but it's still taxes and it still takes money out of your pocket. So I guess if we want to really be serious about moving in the direction of making people bite the bullet, I can think of a number of state agencies that can be made to bite the bullet too if we have the nerve and the fortitude on this floor to do that. I just feel like that fair is...what's fair is fair, and if we want to deal with the issue totally, then I'm certainly in favor of that, but if we're just going to pick on local entities and say, you guys are big spenders, you people are not responsible so we're going to make you toe the line and I don't think that that's necessary. I pay taxes too. I understand what it's like to pay taxes, but we also expect the services that are provided by our local entities and if we don't need those services and don't want them, then I can understand that's a different issue. But with that I would hope that you would support by amendment and with that I thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. You've heard the closing. The question is the adoption of the Vrtiska amendment to the committee amendments. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. We're voting on the Vrtiska amendment. Have you all voted? Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Call of the house.

SENATOR CROSBY: There has been a request for a call of the house. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the motion to go under call.

SENATOR CROSBY: The house is under call. Would all senators please return to your seats and record your presence. Would all