

because what Senator Jones is proposing we already have that in the township bill. So, Senator Warner, if you could respond to that, I'd appreciate it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, the discussion that the committee had was that the amendment, or the resolution was intended to be drafted to permit amendments. Again, that was for the reason of broadening the discussion of the whole broad issue that's involved here. I have no problem with the suggested amendment. It's consistent, as you've indicated, with legislation that is introduced and probably should have been included that way to start with. I will have some other comments on my own time.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I have no...if that's the procedure we are going to use, I have no problem with the Jones amendment then. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Warner, do you wish to speak to the Jones amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: Yeah, just briefly, the issue of township governments, if there is to be a levy limit including those that are proposed in the form of initiative petitions, and by the way, I should say much of the things that have been done this fall and over the summer would be activities that would be necessary and appropriate should some of the petition drives be successful. In the case of township government, by statute they currently can have a levy of up to 28 cents, and if you are looking at levy limits, it becomes difficult then to roll that in, at least it makes another exception, particularly if there was a constitutional amendment, easier to handle by statute. Some of the discussion, however, has been that there are savings that can be accomplished through either cooperation of or some form of consolidation in those counties that do have a township form of local government. The other side is that since their levies are adopted at an annual meeting of the residents of the township, perhaps they do not need to be included in an overall levy limit for the simple reason that there is provisions in all of these bills to allow the public to vote to exceed. And since their levy is established in that fashion, it varies all over the place depending on the kind of services, that there is a