

taxes didn't get out of hand. So I hope that the citizens of the state, in addition to looking to the Legislature to try to help to solve this issue, also put forth some effort to become reconnected to their local governments, to become more involved in the issues that face them at a local level, so that some discipline can be injected into the system at the local level because I guess if after all of the attempts of the past 30 years and we still have a crises facing us, when the state is providing 37 percent of the support of local government, it demonstrates that there hasn't been enough discipline at the local level and I think that that needs to be reinvigorated now that we are going to look at how we deliver services once again at the local level in the state of Nebraska. Probably don't have enough time to go into the next point I was going to make, Madam President, so I will relinquish the balance of my time.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Cudaback. Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senators Warner, Robinson, Kristensen, Elmer, Vrtiska, Pirsch, Hartnett, Lynch, and Maurstad.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. I suspect the vote on this resolution will be something like 48 to 1 and I am going to be at least the one vote that will be voting against the resolution, and I'll tell you why I am going to vote against the resolution. It is not that I am against anything necessarily that is in the resolution, itself. I just don't like the Legislature to look silly, because what...it is not necessarily what's in this resolution that's important, but it's what's not in the resolution that's important. And we could have 48 members of the Legislature vote for this today, and then when all of a sudden we fill in the gaps about what is not in there exactly what it is we are going to do, we are going...we are going to break down into 15 different groups, probably 5 people supporting each 1, and it will be very difficult to get any consensus. So we will be telling the Nebraska public that, by golly, we're really going to be doing this, count on us to carry this through, but I don't think we are going to be able to carry necessarily this through because we don't even know the details. So I'm not going to vote for something that I have no idea what the details are going to be except a broad outline. I will give you some examples, as I was just going...kind of going through. On the second page under levy caps, if you vote for this, we