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SENATOR COORDSEN: We are not adjourned. Do we have anything else on 1141, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: I have nothing else pending on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President, see if I can recollect my thoughts here. I am just going to provide a little bit of information since the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee is not on the floor, and at the time when this information was being asked for, the Vice Chair was not on the floor, and since I was confined to my chair, I couldn't get over to visit with her so that she could provide this information, but relative to the fiscal note, first of all, and I don't want to belabor this because I know everybody is probably hungry. You know, Senator Witek has provided a little bit of criticism. She tried to sugar-coat it there towards the end relative to the fiscal note and the adequacy of it. I think it's certainly similar to the fiscal note that is provided for all of our bills, and I think it provides some very good information, and if further information is needed, as she has indicated, she can either individually get that as a senator, or request it from somebody, and I've offered to try to provide her with some additional information relative to that. I would indicate that if the chairman were here he would indicate that there is certainly concern relative to the fiscal impact of this...

SENATOR COORDSEN: The call is raised.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...of this bill, and he would also share with you that the administration, the Governor's office, also has some concern relative to the fiscal impact of this bill, and whether or not we need to expand from the pilot program to eight statewide regions, such as is described here, and whether we ought to not consider more fully incrementally going into what Senator Bernard-Stevens would like to do and what the Approp...or what the Legislature has done relative to the pilot programs in the past. So with that, I've discharged my little responsibility that I was handed and relinquish the balance of my time, unless there is somebody on the floor that would like to visit about this, okay, I'll yield my time.