

amendment. (Vrtiska amendment, FA533, appears on page 1177 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Vrtiska, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: The amendment I'm proposing was discussed earlier and it's on page 1, line 7. It would merely strike the word "viable" out of the language. There's no particular reason for that to be in there. I would...I'm would be more than happy to have that stricken from the language. Page 1, line 7.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the opening on the Vrtiska amendment. There were three lights on. Senators Wehrbein, Chambers, and Maurstad, do any of you wish to address this amendment? Senator Chambers does. Senator Wehrbein, do you wish to address this amendment? Senator Maurstad, I think, indicated he did not. Senator Wehrbein, on the Vrtiska amendment to the Vrtiska amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'm going to support, Mr. Speaker, members, I'm going to support that because I had a small concern about the word "viable", because I wondered if it meant you're up against your levy limit, probably meant you don't have a viable resource, and I assume that's what that meant. By taking it out, I think it does take that concern, at least it doesn't make that an issue, and it still makes it subjective. I want to talk more on the amendment later, so I'll punch back in.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Chambers, on the Vrtiska amendment to the Vrtiska amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator Vrtiska, I had drafted an amendment and it's being handed out now, and it dealt with the same thing. But it's...the language probably is more restrictive than what you're offering. What I was going to do, in your amendment, in line 6, starting with "a", at the end of the sentence, at the end of that line, and in the next line, I was going to strike the words "a lack of viable" and put the words "exhaustion of all other", which would mean "exhaustion of all other fiscal resources". And here's why I would say it. in the bill itself, which we would find in the Enrollment and Review amendment, if you look at page 2 of that amendment, which would actually be