

page 3, if we're going to, you know, break it down, at the first line, at the top of the page, of the second page, I would strike "other viable" and insert the words "all other". You may have a copy of it on your desk by now of what I'm offering. And this is what would be stated in your amendment, I've got to find the correct line. Okay, in line 6, with my amendment this is the way it would read, "create an undue burden on the local government due to exhaustion of all other fiscal resources". Then in the bill itself, where we have, at the bottom of page 1, where we're documenting what has to be made available to the Claims Board, "Documentation that the local government has exhausted other viable sources", that's what's in the bill now. I would strike "other viable", and it would say, "the local government has exhausted all other sources of revenue. And what it would indicate unequivocally is that there is no other source available to the local government from which revenue can be derived to pay off these expenses. So the language is more restrictive than merely striking the word "viable". So what do you think about this amendment?

SENATOR VRTISKA. I just have one question, Senator Chambers, and that follows the line, when you say "all other", obviously the county has to pay salaries and carry on the business of government during this process, which means there would certainly be a time when money in their account that would, in fact, cover those expenses that they're obligated to pay. So my question is, are you talking about they would have no money?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That is a thought.

SENATOR VRTISKA: That's my only point of...problem with it, because, you know, when you have to...every month money comes in and you're obligated to pay it out to pay your help, to pay the expenses of running government. And if you took all other...if you put your...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...your amendment in there and you took all other sources out, then that would mean they would be completely...they would be completely without funds, which certainly we would hope would never happen, or they would be in...that's the only problem I have with it, Senator.