

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if we strike "viable", we have the same thing, but not...not stated in the same way. What I would suggest, and it's your bill and I'm sure that your...the amendment that you're offering will be adopted and I'm sure the bill will be moved on, is maybe looking at how we will address this aspect of the bill so that whether striking the word "viable" or considering language of the kind that I'm offering, we don't unduly restrict what the county is going to be able to do in terms of going...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...from day to day.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Maurstad, did you wish to address this amendment? Senator Wehrlein, on the...Senator Chambers, yours is the next light.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would like to continue this discussion with Senator Vrtiska. Senator Vrtiska, would striking the word "viable" create the same situation which you mentioned and I hadn't thought of, to be quite frank with you, in terms of how this amendment, whichever way we take it, could go farther than we desire? Maybe it would be better to try to provide a definition of viable so that we could exclude from the type of revenue or fiscal resources available for paying off these extraordinary expenses the money which the county would need to pay salaries and other things of that kind. So maybe we shouldn't just strike that word or adopt the language that I have. But I know you want to move your bill along. So let me ask you this, because I'm not going to do everything I can to try to stop the bill. I'm just going to vote against it because I think the policy is poor. If the bill goes ahead and moves, which I'm sure it would, would you be willing to bring it back and do something about defining that term rather than trying to do it on the floor right this minute?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Which would you prefer?

SENATOR VRTISKA: I would...I would, because I would like to see us move along if we possibly could, I would be willing to work