

to do, and my response used to be that, hey, if those people were smart enough to elect us, they were smart enough to do a lot of these things on their own. And that's what this package of bills, not just 1085, but the whole complex and why it becomes such a fearsome thing for many people, and all of us have been lobbied I think on the package in total or the package in parts because all of a sudden there is the specter of the unknown. We can do this, a board can do it, whatever, but, more importantly, we can do it. Senator Chambers referenced property tax relief. I don't think that there's really any promise of property tax relief in 1085. If there is, it would be relatively minor, but what is important in the concept that is reflected in 1085 and other places in the Revenue Committee's package is that it returns to the people, those who were smart enough to elect us, some measure, some degree, of responsibility and control over what's happening to them. Yes, it can flow through their elected boards, or they can take it upon themselves, but they must approve. I think that's a key, that's a fear, and certainly that is an opportunity for involved citizens who I am absolutely convinced have the intelligence and the will to look at what's going on in their lives and given the tools in their community will make the decisions that are most appropriate for them. If they don't result in property tax relief on the little house or the little farm or the little store, so be it, but it's their decision, not a decision brought to them by someone from Star City, someone who has been entrusted by them to make decisions for them when, perhaps, they ought to be making those decisions for themselves in many respects, and that's the opportunity that's presented by this and other parts in the package, which are most contentious, Mr. President, most contentious. But through it all, if we can see that what we are doing...

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...by sticking our little oar in the water and turning a tax Titanic around from a captain's direction up on the bridge to the people that are shoveling coal into the boilers, then we've done, I think, a great thing. And we will, of course, modify, I am sure some of the proposals, but we will have done a good thing. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Maurstad.