

when you strike the language you basically are throwing it open to whatever 25 votes will do. It may be fair and equal to proportion, it may be more towards schools, it may be more towards cities, it will be a constant fight for who gets the dollars and how. At least under the constitution we kept the sides from warring with each other, and they had it in the constitution to avoid such conflicts, the rationale that if you had x amount of burden on the total levy, that's the percentage you should be reimbursed in the tax dollars and it avoided the major conflicts and grabbing of money that may in fact, and again I emphasize the word "may," may in fact arise when you make it a vote of 25 or more in any one year. With that, Mr. Speaker, I would just have a machine vote so we can move on to the next amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the closing. The question is, shall the Bernard-Stevens amendment to LR 292CA be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to vote? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 1 aye, 21 nays on the amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Amendment is not adopted. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Warner, you would be recognized...you have opened on the committee amendments, your light is on, you can either address them, or if you'd like to close on the committee amendments you may do so.

SENATOR WARNER: If there are no further lights, I'll close.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You are recognized to close.

SENATOR WARNER: Again, this amendment has...or this is a constitutional revision...constitutional amendment, get my words right, has several provisions which I would again repeat. One of the provisions deals with the permitting the Legislature to provide a variety of ways from which mergers or consolidations of local governments may occur, but always with a vote of the people, as is consistent with the current constitution. It