

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...on the spending side, usually on the spending side of what the board had recommended, they voted to adopt the budget for the following year, and also certified to the county clerk the levy that was to be placed upon themselves. It's a system that many people aren't familiar with anymore, but the town hall system, folks, will work. Given the opportunity, we can cut through a lot of the mistrust that currently exists between even the smallest units of local government and the people that they are providing services for. I think 1114 will be subjected, I am sure, to many amendments because it is a new departure in a new way that's contrary to many, many decades of concentration of power. Fitted, fitting with the other proposals within the package that...

SENATOR WILL: Time.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...came out of Revenue Committee, it will work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Mr. Clerk, do we have amendments to the committee amendments?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. The first amendment to the committee amendment is by Senator Maurstad. (See AM3836 found on page 1275 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WILL: Senator Maurstad, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President. This is AM3836 to the committee amendment, which reduces the levy limit for cities and villages...the current committee amendment reduces the limits for cities and villages to 45 cents per \$100 of valuation, plus 5 cents for financing agreements under the Interlocal Cooperation Act. Under existing law, the levy limit for cities of the second class and villages, those municipalities with a population of under 5,000, is \$1.05. The levy limit for cities of the first class, cities with a population of between 5,000 and 100,000 is 87.5 cents. Because of this, LB 1114 will have the greatest effect on the smaller municipalities, the smaller towns and villages in our state. The amendment that I bring would reduce the levy limits for municipalities but retain the steps for different sizes of