

the rates, just broaden the services tax a little bit. That will raise the dollars. I think we need to have a levy limit of some type, but then make up that difference because a small town, if you put a sales tax in Stanton, you won't raise anything. The grocery store is all we have there. I think three bars, but that won't raise any sales tax. But you need to have some way to raise this revenue. The city of Norfolk, everybody shops there. They have a very low property tax. I think they are down to about 10 cents because every surrounding community shops there. Kearney, Senator Kristensen's, they are very low. They don't have to worry because all surrounding communities shop there. They buy there. Who is going to come to a small town and buy something when we have nothing to sell? We have nobody there, we have no furniture store. We have no hardware store, no implement dealer. What are you going to buy there? Nothing.

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: We're bedroom communities, and yet you expect us to be cut down to almost nothing. I think the Maurstad amendment is a good amendment, a step in the right direction, and I don't think it is too severe that maybe then they can raise their tax or go to a vote of the people. But to have it at 45 cents, when I have some towns right now that are \$1.12, \$1.15, the people aren't complaining about city taxes. They are complaining about school taxes. That's what's high, not city and county taxes. It is the school tax. This state needs to find some other way to fund education besides property taxes. This bill doesn't do that, but this amendment does help. Thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Bromm on the Maurstad amendment.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Will, colleagues, I wanted to ask Senator Landis a question. I don't know if he's in the building or not. Is he excused?

SENATOR WILL: Senator Landis is excused, Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay, I'll hold that. I wanted to speak to the bill, but while we are on this amendment, I will speak to that as well. I met this morning with about 20 or 25 school