

people could set upon themselves any levy that they want--\$1, \$5, \$10. I don't think that would happen, but that's how this works. And that's the concept that's hard to get across. Second class cities, villages, counties would have to have at a primary, general or special election a ballot issue that would be good for five years. But that ballot issue can set the levy limit at any amount that the electorate desires for whatever services; whatever special projects, whatever the people who are going to pay the bill want. Again, the limits in this bill are not upon the people of the state of Nebraska but the limits in this bill are upon the various boards that oversee the operations of all of the local units of government. The concept that came out of Revenue Committee is that there is a minimal guaranteed amount available for basic services for all of the units of government, all of the units of government. The real small ones, the board of commissioners or supervisors have a winnowing out authority to fit within a 15 cent total levy for miscellaneous districts. But even in those cases, any one of those miscellaneous districts by an annual public meeting can place upon themselves any additional levy for any service or project. The thing we're trying to get across with this is that there are functionally no limits. This really...this package doesn't arbitrarily guarantee any...

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...property tax reduction to anyone in any unit of government anywhere in the state of Nebraska. But what the total package does do is remove all restrictions, and we've talked about that in several of the other issues that have already been before us, on cooperation, merger, consolidation, interlocal agreement and in the absence of the restructuring and reshuffling and realignment of how services are delivered the citizens have an absolute ability with the majority of those that are voting in whatever the scenario is to place upon themselves any additional levy above the caps in here that they wish to do so. And I think...

SENATOR WILL: Time.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...that there's nothing in here to fear. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Mr. Clerk, items