

for the record.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, thank you. Senator Landis has amendments to LB 515; Senator Beutler to LB 1085; Senator Witek to LB 590 to be printed. (See pages 1403-04 of the Legislative Journal.) Senator Lynch would like me to announce a meeting of the Building Maintenance Committee at 3:30 in Room 2022, Building and Maintenance today at 3:30 in Room 2022. That's all that I have, Mr. President.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Fisher on the Maurstad amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR FISHER: Mr. President and members, these truly are tough times. I think it was two years ago I spoke and said that there was a tax revolution out there. I don't know whether it was a tax revolution, revolting, or just a great concern. But I can assure you there is that great concern. I think it's time we have to do something. It's also ironic that all these things that we're talking about the taxes, these are local issues, and I would venture to say that most of those, the villages and the town hall meetings and the school board meetings, only draw a handful, only a handful of concerned citizens. Yet they throw it on our back up here to make these tough decisions to set it. The only way we can, of course, is by limits. And I think it's important that we take that position and perhaps go with it. I'm very much "objectable" to mandating limits and spending of local subdivisions. I think it's their decision but it's obvious there's a problem. If that problem isn't solved or to some satisfactory here on this floor this year, we're going to have a far greater concern out there when some of these other petitions hit the ballot. Because I can assure you if they get the required numbers, I feel very confident we will have some changes. I think it's important that we work on this. I understand there are some communities that are going to suffer. To what degree, I don't know, but it can be severe and it can be tough. But I think those local communities must address that system. This gives them that opportunity. I don't think it's anything to fear. I'm not going to support Senator Maurstad's motion at this time, but I'm going to listen to them as we continue further down the road of trying to solve this problem. I think everybody...I think everybody is probably going to get tired of hearing this, but again I think it's our responsibility, it's now in our court and I think it's important