

say if this doesn't go, we're going to give money to Jaksha. I talked to some people out here in the lobby the other day and one said my group will probably give several thousand dollars to him if something doesn't happen. Who do you talk to? I was in the meeting with Senator Bromm this morning with 20-some superintendents. I told them how I felt. I support 1114. There are options. They can go to vote...they don't want to go to a vote of the people. Why should you be scared of the people you represent? I don't see anything wrong with that. Someone made the comment saying, well, people don't know senators. Well, by gosh, I got too many people knowing me then; I wish they'd leave me alone. When I go uptown, people...every day I go uptown and I go there probably two or three times a day, I have people ask me about what's going on down here. And I'm sure most of you do that have several small towns. We've got over two years to look at the problem. I told my superintendents this morning that if none of the constitutional amendments pass, I'll be more than willing to look at 1114 and change it and I meant it. I don't think there's anyone in here that wants to close schools, but I also told those people they could be more efficient and I think that's so. And maybe from these bills they're going to start looking at some consolidation and some ways that they might save money. But they always have an out on 1114. They can vote. They can have their fire protection. They can...

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...have their townships. They can have their county fair. They can have their county extension agents so there's a way out. They can vote, people. So stick in there and oppose the Maurstad amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Will and members of the body, I've been in the Legislature 12 years, this is my twelfth year. This is the first time, and I think we all go back home and say we're going to help cut property tax. This is the first year that we have had a proposal before us that does that, gives us an opportunity to do it is to cut property tax. The cities, oh, the sky is falling. We've got two years like Senator Robinson said. Cities are the only one that have other means to raise money. Senator Schellpeper in Starton can have a sales tax.