

thought, well, that means a vote of the people of the bonds. But I have a question. There's also bonds out there that cities can do without a vote of the people. Are those bonds exempted? If those are, you have a problem here. You have a situation where it may be street repair, you do that on a bond. You do another infrastructure project on a bond. All you're really doing is pushing that debt out for future generations to take care of. And there may be...I think there's a problem with that. Many times by a small increase in their levies or their ability to spend a little more, go up in terms of a lid, they can take care of that in a given year or two years. When you start bonding maintenance projects, which I think you have to be careful, and I see some potential for that here, in doing that, you're pushing that out to your kids or future generations or the next individuals that are serving as...serving their community. So that's one problem and I don't know if that has fully been addressed as what is exempted. They say some of this infrastructure is outside of the lid. But in one area it is outside the lid or the spending restrictions, but on the other side it's in. That is a real problem if where we start doing maintenance programs that should be paid for on a year-to-year basis and start pushing them out through bonding. Another area that...like I had said before, small entities and villages are taken care of.

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR AVERY: But like I said, second class cities, and I watch mine and I look, they'll have to drop about 30 cents per hundred. And I'm wondering if this is a small step. This is a reduction in what the average is. I didn't think the Maurstad amendment maybe reduced it enough. The city of Gretna could live with that 76 because I think that's where they're at now. They've tried to work and hold that down. But if you don't, I'm wondering and there are situations here that you're not giving them enough flexibility to adjust and get down. One other concern that I heard and community leader had said to me, he said this is kind of like an analogy of term limits. We say, well, you don't have faith in us...

SENATOR WILL: Time.

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you.