

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ..what the problems are. I also understand, as Senator Kristensen does, that there is misinformation being circulated about 1114. That has become an unanswerable part of our process in a number of bills that we've addressed this year. I don't think there's anything we can do about that except rely upon our individual integrity, the information that we have available to us, and whatever time we can spend with our constituents explaining what the truth is when we have time to do it. The truth of it is that 1114 is the best place for us to start the process of providing property tax relief to the citizens of Nebraska without the Maurstad amendment.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Warner.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator, you're up.

SENATOR WARNER: Again, Mr. President, just briefly. It's been said and I guess many times it's been suggested counties were affected differently. That's not accurate to say. Counties have the constitutional 50 cents in the constitution, which our understanding was we couldn't go below, but there's a whole host of things they have to fund within that, some of which is not now. So counties are not treated more favorably, as the implication. But I fail to understand, when everybody says that this is going to be a disaster, what you're saying is the people who live in that community or, in the case of a village as Senator Coordsen has already pointed out, are not going to support the services. I mean, it's hard for me to believe. What they will have an option to do, though, is if there is a better way other than increasing the levy above 45 cents that they could vote on a merger or cooperative efforts. That will be an option, and maybe they won't have to increase the levy. But the safety valve is very simple. Now, in the smaller units it's exceedingly simple. They have a meeting and vote to go for a higher levy, and it's in effect for five years. Don't have to vote every year, and they...and it doesn't go out of your base. I just totally fail to understand. And then finally we do attempt to put in the concept of equalization aid the money at that...of the amount of roughly 11 million, I believe, 11 or 12 million. The gap we're talking about is 16.5. Doesn't totally fill it, but it fills a substantial part of it. Why shouldn't