

via an election by even a simple majority, an increase in the levy, that can happen and that's the public control. But look at a community college. They're in a region of which not a majority by far have anything, or children, or people in the community colleges. Now try to convince anyone that's a part of a community college that on a regional vote they're going to be able to exceed the levy. It's not even a slim chance. It just isn't going to happen. So their alternative for expanding, going beyond the lid, is not possible, in my judgment. Other areas will be possible. And, again, what I'm trying to point out is whatever we do is going to be full of inequities. We can try to balance all of those, and I hope that we try, or, if we take the position it's going to be too tough, too hard in the time we have to balance all those, I suspect the position will be, you know, damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead, and we'll try to work it out some time later. But I'll end on a... I just try to say that it's more than just cities, Senator Maurstad, and I don't necessarily disagree with your amendment, but also when we get to the rest of the discussion you have to ask yourself do you really believe the Legislature will increase taxes two years from now or a year from now? I, personally, do not. Do you really believe that the spending levels and lids will go off in two years? It says...

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ..it will, but will they really? I, personally, think not. And those are the areas we need to get into and I promised Senator Maurstad the last 45 seconds of my time I'd give to him and I so do so.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Maurstad, you have 45 seconds.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President. I would...it seems to be a prevalent thought that we don't have a problem now, let's wait for three years, then make the adjustments. I would present to you that if we don't very often go back and make those adjustments, now there are exceptions, but I'm...I believe that if we make this change, if this is passed there isn't going to be a groundswell out there. I don't think that we're going to come back in and be able to change all of the arguments that have been made in support of limiting the cities and villages to 45 cents. I don't think we're going to be able to come back in a couple of years and just...