

amendment and hope you wouldn't stick it to this amendment because of some misinformation that maybe is occurring in other parts of the legislation. Senator Wickersham, as he usually does, provided some great analogies, some very visual pictures for us all to consider as we look at this from his point of view and I always appreciate those. I would say, relative to his shopping cart analogy, we won't have to worry about that shopping cart, we won't have to worry about that five and dime store and rolling that shopping cart up to the counter because I believe that if this amendment goes through in a lot of these smaller communities there won't be a counter to roll up to. He also indicated that we can't cure the problems that are occurring out in the rural area and I don't disagree with that at all. I don't know that we need to be part of the situation where we accelerate those problems in those rural areas. Indicated we can't cure it. I don't think the alternative is to let them die on the vine, either.

SENATOR WILL: Excuse me, Senator Maurstad. I think people may be having trouble hearing you too right now. I would remind the members to hold down their conversations somewhat, please.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President. That last thing I, you know, a couple...

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ..a couple weeks.... Excuse me?

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR M. URSTAD: Oh. Is that not counting the time you took? (Laugh) I'm just teasing. A couple weeks ago Senator Wickersham mentioned that, when we were talking about speed limit, you know, one size doesn't fit all, and I agreed with him then and I agree with him now and that's why we're trying to pursue this from a tier basis because one size doesn't fit all. I would just say that there was a comment that property taxes won't occur if this amendment passes and I have to say I think that's just a slight exaggeration; that the door's going to swing wide open and everybody else is going to start marching through to cry to do the same thing, I don't believe that. I think we have to look at this on the basis of the argument that's presented before us. My analysis is that we're sticking it to the towns