

never have agreed with it, but I'm in the minority obviously because it's come about and it continues to increase. But so be that. I can't individually and sure collectively, with the number of people that would oppose this, stand up and do anything about it. I remember a few years ago I came to the Legislature as a county board member and talked to the county board about the possibility of raising the 50-cent limit, because our county was at the limit of 50 cents and were unable to raise any more money. But you know how we solved that problem? We cut back some services. That's the only thing we could do. I think the same thing is going to happen in many to the communities. If they cannot provide all the services that they're now providing, they're going to have to make a decision which are the most...the most desirable services and they'll provide those and the rest they'll have to cut back. I know as I go through my district and I talk to people from outside of my district the word that I hear all the time is property taxes are too high. And if you own any amount of property and you pay taxes on them, like you have to do if you want to keep them, you understand that taxes are too high. Sure, sales tax are too high, income tax is too high, property tax is too high. Some of them we can do something about; others we cannot. I think somewhere in this process, and I would hope that it would happen, that as we move down this road and we do, in fact, put the tax burden under control that we can look to some other type of service...some other type of tax and sales and income that might, in fact, offset some of the losses that some of the smaller communities might be crippled by. But in the meantime we, as been explained over and over, we have several options. There's going to be some time before these takes place, before these issues come into play. In the meantime, I think a lot of hard decisions are going to have to be made by the people and I think the last thing that I want to say is there is that option, certainly it remains out there, if you cannot live within the bounds...within the means that are provided the people are very seriously about it and think it's a concern that they have to address, they do have that option to go to the polls and make a...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ..(inaudible) on whether they want to in fact raise a tax on themselves, which really goes back to the issue of local control that we've talked about many, many times in our