

subdivisions. I think they'll have a deeper appreciation of what they do, where their money goes, and that is the way to solve a frustration. And if they think that, hey, you know, we do want to cut them anyway, well, that's their choice. Again, let the people vote. I don't know if I should say that. The last time I used that argument the bill was bracketed so maybe I should get away with let the people vote. But I, again, we don't live in a vacuum. The petitions are out there, but they're...the only thing the petitions are is a manifestation of the frustration of the electorate about the property tax problem. That is the basic underlying issue that we're trying to address. It's not a reaction to the petitions, I, although I think that it is realistic to include that when you're making your deliberations because that is an option. People are looking to the Legislature. The lead in on one new station I saw one night is that will the Legislature finally do something about property taxes? I think the state is watching. I think 1114 is something that's real that can be done about property taxes. I think that it will result in greater accountability among the local political subdivisions and, again, this doesn't go into effect until 1999. There'll be three years to try to do everything that they can to make their operations more efficient and then go to the people and say, hey, look what we've done, you've noticed out cuts, let's raise the levies, and the people will respond and say, yes, we agree on the good stewardship that you had over the local political subdivision and we will raise that levy. I, again, I am young and I am optimistic, but I believe that that's what will happen. I think this is the best choice and, again, I would encourage the body to reject the bracket motion.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yield time to Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, if you care to use the time you certainly may.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens, Mr. Speaker, and I am a caring person so I will use the time. Oh, Senator Vrtiska, Senator Floyd Vrtiska. Senator Vrtiska says that we ought to adopt this bill and do this to these political subdivisions. Why shouldn't he say? Senator Vrtiska came in here with an empty sack at the beginning of the session