

County I know the statutory authorization is around 25,000 and I think their request is well over 100,000, which the county does, as a...they have the flexibility to do it or not do it. Same would hold true of some of the other subdivisions.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yeah, I think, if I understand what you indicated, that you're pointing out that there might be some circumstances where some of these smaller subdivisions could receive more funds under this scenario than they are now. They can make a good case before the county board.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, the county...if they didn't make a good...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ..case before the county board, they would have an option to go to...it's the other way...it's a way other way around. But the other more practical problem is that some of these entities, you know, the range, let's use fire districts, that generally they run from 2 to 4 cents, but there's occasionally a few that are at the maximum of 12 and that would use up almost all of the 15 cents. In those cases I suspect they would have to go to a town hall meeting...town meeting.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator, and I think what we've indicated here is that there really is some uncertainty here and there very well could be situations where they would be eliminated completely, not provided any taxing authority unless they went to this special vote of the people, which I think is going to be a little more difficult than what's maybe been portrayed so far, but there is, of course, also that upside for them also.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Warner, I have a...I was out and I missed a couple things, a couple things on the record. On the 5-cent interlocal agreement that the counties have, could they get together with a fire district for that 5 cents, or say that would be one group they could get together? Could they get together with the ag society and the county extension agent or county extension group and have a interlocal agreement with those groups?