

sources of revenue available to us to levy. I'd support it. Otherwise I have to oppose it at this point in time because I'm afraid in the political climate that we're in that any indication in this year that we're going to shift any funding would result in a veto. And I don't know what the strength of the body would be in overriding that veto. So the net result would be we would have no effort, in the final analysis, in trying to do a good effort. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Maurstad, followed by Senators Kristensen, Fisher, and Bohlke.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President. I agree with a great deal of what my neighbor to the west indicated relative to the disparity that exists and the attempts to try to address that over the course of the years and hope that eventually we'll be able to work on something that is able to rectify that problem. But I would indicate to the senator that if we have a concern relative to this year and veto of a shift, increase in taxes or whatever, part of my premise is that that indication will always be there. Whenever we're going to, or regardless of when we decide to provide additional revenue it's going to have to be 30 votes or more, it's going to have to be over whoever the Governor is. I don't think that will be unique just to this...our current Governor. And you always have, of course, the other premise that half of us are always going to be rolling back in front of the voters. So I see that replacement revenue coming very begrudgingly. Senator Beutler, if I could ask you a question relative to your amendment. I understand what you're trying to do. Could I ask Senator Beutler a question?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: You sure may. Senator Beutler, if you'll yield.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Senator, I think I understand what you're trying to accomplish here. But what I need for you to explain to me is why this would be good for the schools and not good for the others.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I'm not sure that it would be good for the schools and not for the others. I think it would be good for them all. I'm not sure that at this point in time,