

understand why Senator Cudaback did not agree to the amendment because his experiment in the beginning...

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Time. Senator Bernard-Stevens, yours is the last light on.

**SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and if someone would yield me some time that would be fine and, if not, we'll have another motion here and that will be fine as well. The Maurstad amendment that I'm asking people to reconsider allows, and Senator Cudaback has never stated necessarily why he opposed the amendment, it allows his process to take place. It allows for evaluation of whether it was good or not. It allows us then to expand it as even Senator Cudaback argued is what he wanted to do on his opening statement on General File with the bill. We're taking the same arguments Senator Cudaback and Senator Schimek put forward. The arguments will be, and I'll grant Senator Schimek then wanted to do it for all of them for logical reasons, the argument was at the time we want to limit the amount of votes; we don't want candidates to do it; we want to wait and see. The Maurstad amendment does that. It keeps candidates out still. It keeps all the turmoil that will be on the property tax excluded from this and we go to bonded indebtedness. We'll see how it works. By the time we see how it works, and I assume it may work very well, by that time we'll know a clearer picture what's happening on the bonded in...on the votes, on the levies and votes on budgets and other criteria we have and all of the property tax packages and we can expand it or not at that point. But if you take a chance, read some of the bills on the property tax measures and, again, look at 1114 and 1085. If there's any member of the body who doesn't believe in many parts of the state there's going to be a tremendous amount of upheaval and painful decisions, well, obviously, they haven't been listening, they weren't listening to the debate, and I don't believe there's anyone out there that does believe that. One of the things that we'll be doing at the same time as these things are going on is changing the process. And there's always an adage that change is good but too much change at one time is not good, and this is one where we don't even have to do, except in a small case to find out if it works well, find out where the bugs are, find out if the county clerks had any difficulties, find out if there was any problems in the mailing, find out if there was any problem on the fraud, find out if there was any problems on the verifications of