

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, Senator Warner, I would just like to visit with you, a couple of things.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR ROBINSON: One is the inclusion of the fire district in the 15 cent levy. I guess I have a concern that many fire districts, the population of the fire districts exceed the population of many of the villages, and I guess another concern is that a lot of the fire districts go to more than one county, and I'd like to visit with you and Senator Kristensen between now and Select about the possibility of bringing...taking that out of the 15 cent levy. If not, we couldn't work that out, I'd like to see us...an amendment for townships and fire districts where they could, instead of voting annually, if they could, say, vote every three years like the villages would, instead of voting annually, as it is in the bill. I'd just like your reaction to that.

SENATOR WARNER: The bill...the bill, Senator Robinson, Madam President, and Senator Robinson, as the bill is designed, of course, you are talking about that portion that has 15 cents for miscellaneous governmental subdivisions.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Right, um-hum.

SENATOR WARNER: In that case, those votes are annually. Across the state generally, you talk about two or four cents for the operation of fire districts. There are a few that are up at the ten or twelve cents, which is the maximum statutory authorization. As a practical matter, in those cases, if their needs cannot be met, you know what is expected to happen is that they would go for a...because they're in that fifteen cents, they can go the route of a special meeting, which they would, in fact, need 10 percent of their registered voters in attendance of which 51 percent of that number could adopt. It would be an annual event, similar to...I guess we always use the old Class I school concept, because that's how they used to work, and they worked fairly satisfactorily. But the other thing is, the same response I gave to Senator Beutler, and that is in this two-year period, if we have a similar concept, you know this doesn't take effect till July of 1998, two legislative sessions, and what became apparent to me unless we had a goal out there similar to 1114, many of these issues that we want to talk about, you just