

finance jointly provided service. Again, that was a part of this concept of again encouraging that to happen. Refunds and gifts were accepted, and particularly gifts and amounts received from nongovernment sources. In working with that over several weeks now and that definition issue, while many of these are fairly easy to identify, it's also true that there's not uniform use of the same term as for the same kind of expenditures across the state through various governmental subdivision. And we will have an amendment which, rather than do the expenditure, will be looking at restricted funds, which is on the revenue side rather than the expenditure side. But that will, I believe, accomplish the same general purposes that is envisioned during this two-year period, but also will avoid some of the definitional problems or budget review problems, auditing problems that would lie out there as the concept that is currently being used. But the overall purpose of this short-term restriction, and it was to expire at the end of two years, from that point forward the only limitation would be the one dealing with levy limits. But the other concept was that because of the possibility that some additional revenue might be needed at the state level, that we would not have expansion of expenditures at a very...at a more rapid rate than would be required, complicating the problem two years from now; and then secondly a restriction on expenditures, or in this case if amended later on to restricted revenue funds. Those are the kinds of things that can help to encourage and probably should say perhaps force, in some cases, governing boards to look at some of these consolidation, merger and cooperative efforts that result in efforts to save. But that's the procedure. I think, Mr. Clerk, do I have the first amendment, by chance, 3863?

CLERK: Senator, I have a series of amendments to the committee amendments. And because of the Speaker's authority, under the major proposal rule, the first amendment I've been instructed to take up is your amendment, AM3863, Senator.

SENATOR WARNER: AM3863?

CLERK: Yes, sir, it's found on page 1323.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay. Mr. Speaker, they just told me they're incorporated this into another amendment that's coming up. And if that's the case, we could go to the amendment that you have. I briefly have indicated, Madam President and Mr. Speaker, that