

3939, that Senator McKenzie has introduced, won't be necessary?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Well, that is my view.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I can't speak for Senator McKenzie, but it's my view that that is not necessary.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay, thank you. The only reservation that I have about the amendment that's before us deals with the additional 1 percent in each year that can be allowed with a supermajority vote of the board. It would be...it would be my opinion that if the Legislature feels as though the 3 and 1 would be a better scenario for the local subdivisions to work under as we move into this period of adjustment, that we ought to make that decision here. Since we are making a number of decisions for local governments as it is, I think this is one more decision that we should be able to make. And I've come to that conclusion from the perspective that there are a lot of provisions in both of the bills that allow for taking exceptions to the voters of the people for a higher levy, or for additional spending authority. And so I would rather not put a school board in the position or others of having to address this issue of whether or not they should go to that increase of 1 percent by their vote. These are very difficult decisions that need to be made at the local level. And I certainly can understand the rationale for providing this measure, in fact they have it now. I'm...my point is more along the lines of if we think that it's going to be needed...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...and that it would be good public policy to do so, I would rather see us just go to the 3 and 1 in the law, in the bill that's before us, instead of maintaining the 2 and 0 with the 1 percent vote override. So that's the only reservation I have relative to the amendment, and appreciate the Speaker and the Chairman bringing it to the body. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I'd like to ask Senator Warner a couple of questions, if