

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...valuations. And, thus, they have a...that's what makes them...

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Right.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...look like they're a big spender, or that's...because they've got that high levy. In effect, they probably don't, but they've either, for one reason or another, not valued that property correctly or the town is growing older and they don't have the ability to do that. It takes into account those...

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Correct. Thank you. I just wanted to use that example to hopefully clarify some of what the discussion was earlier.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator McKenzie. There are no further lights. Senator Warner, you're recognized to close on the committee amendments.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I just urge the committee amendment be adopted. As indicated earlier, it has the 3, the 3 facets of the authorization for additional 5 cents for each of the cities and the counties within the overall limit for cooperative programs. It has the Municipal Equalization Fund and, finally, the authorization, with a vote of the people, for a...up to 1.5 cents sales, local option sales tax. It would only apply in those areas where there was not a municipal sales tax or a municipal sales tax at less than 1.5 percent. And those funds, too, would have to be used for cooperative programs.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Warner. You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 1177. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR WILL: Committee amendments are adopted. Senator Warner, you're recognized to open on the bill.