

was just getting up to congratulate you and tell you about your amendment and then you pull it out from under my feet. Now what am I supposed to do? Senator Wesely, I want to ask you a couple of questions if I might, since I don't need to talk to Senator Chambers since he withdrew his bill (sic), which I thought was probably...had some merit. I really wanted to ask him how it was going to work, but he's not going to tell me, so I'll talk to you, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Wesely, would you respond?

SENATOR WESELY: Sure.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I was just...you know one the thing that you talked about and we've all talked about and I'm curious about, and that is the counties really don't contribute a whole great lot to this. And I guess my question is, particularly for the smaller counties that mostly I represent, this isn't really going to be tremendous savings, right?

SENATOR WESELY: It'll depend. I mean it'll, it'll be relative to the amount currently spent. So if they...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, you made a comment that I was interested in because it appears, I'm sure all of us understand it, it appears that probably costs locally, state or local level, is going to go up because there's probably going to be some winding down of some of the federal funds. Do you expect that? Is that, is that... So what you're really saying is that it could cost, in fact, the counties more.

SENATOR WESELY: No. By taking this bill...

SENATOR VRTISKA: I mean it...no, I mean if it were left like it is.

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, yeah, yeah.

SENATOR VRTISKA: The share would obviously go up.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, I mean if you didn't...if you did nothing, the counties would have to be looking at spending some more money in my view.