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LB 1114

before the body is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to LB 1114. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Record vote.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Please record. Senator Beutler has requested a record vote.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 1796 of the Legislative Journal.) 6 ayes, 16 nays on the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Beutler amendment fails. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: The next amendment I have by Senator Maurstad, Schrock and Avery, AM4131. (See page 1670 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Maurstad, to open on the amendment.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. What I'm going to do is to try to move this along as quickly as possible. I'm going to open on AM4131. I'm not going to take all the time because I have an amendment that is filed to AM4131 that I'll just go to then, and...because that basically changes quite a bit of the amendment and I apologize for my clumsy way of doing this. This is the same issue that we discussed on General File. It was the first amendment that was up on LB 1114 and there, of course, was a natural reluctance to start out by making a substantive change to the committee's work, and purely appropriate for people to take a wait and see type of attitude. Since that time, of course, there have been other changes to other bills, and some changes to this bill. We got about half way to where we needed to be on General File. I've tried to address some of the concerns that have been raised by other senators, since we were on General File, and that's why we bring it back before you. I'm hoping that everyone gave some...some thought to this particular issue. The overall context to the basic argument of why I think we need to maintain the tiers that we have relative to municipalities is the total dollars of tax relief, property tax relief, by 1999 is estimated by the Revenue Committee to be about \$240 million. So all the different subdivisions are taking their bucket of property tax relief and putting it into this barrel. The municipalities bucket is about