

I go to those towns to buy things I leave my money there for them to take care of their infrastructure, but, unfortunately, and it's nobody's fault obviously, but unfortunately nobody comes back to my community, leave any money in sales tax, because to implement a sales tax wouldn't generate enough money to be worth the problem. So what you have to really depend on is the tax dollars. And a number of communities that are in my district are going to be something like Senator Schellpeper said, they're going to be pretty hard hit because they're not going to be able to come up with enough money to even take care of the maintenance and upkeep of the community nevertheless. And also, we buy from the county sheriff the police service. All the towns in my county do simply because it was an easier way. Obviously, with the new regulations you couldn't afford to hire a policeman in your town if you wanted to because of the training it'd take, the cost is so high. There's just a whole list of things that happen in these small villages and small towns that's certainly going to make it awfully difficult for them to survive. I'm a person who doesn't believe in taxing people any more than you have to, but I think we're taxing them less than we have to in order to survive under the present structure that's coming out. I appreciate what the Revenue Committee's done and I know they worked hard to arrive at a solution, but I'm not sure in every case that the solution is something that people in some of these small villages can live with. So I guess I just feel that what Senator Maurstad is trying to do here will, in fact, allow some of these villages to continue. You know they're there and their homes are built there and the only way you can continue to provide any of these services, for example, taking the snow off the street in the wintertime and mowing the park in the summertime, those kinds of services are certainly going to have to be curtailed or eliminated if we don't...if they don't have any money to do it with and, in some cases, I can assure that that's exactly what's going to happen. Some of the things are just going to be left undone because there's isn't going to be money to do them. And I think that's real unfortunate for those people that live in those towns to not at least have some of the services...

SENATOR COORSEN: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ..that are certainly provided in the larger communities because they can afford it and, frankly, the small towns just can't afford it with the kind of levies that we're