

trying to place on them. I hate to say that because I don't want to have my taxes on...I live in town, I don't want my taxes raised on my home any more than anybody else, but I also would like to be able to have the streets kept in halfway decent and hopefully keep some of the lawns mowed in the park and places that probably just won't be able to be done. So, for that reason, I have to support the amendment as Senator Maurstad has brought forth. I thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, I'm going to have to stand and support the Maurstad amendment too because my district probably, I got 49 towns in it and there's 2 of them cities that's got sales tax in the whole district and all the small towns in my district it wouldn't really do them no good to have any sales tax 'cause probably all they got in that towns is the filling station and maybe one cafe and some are just trying to hang on with whatever they got besides the grade school on a lot of them. So there's no way for them to raise any money from sales tax and, in fact, they can't buy anything there so they'll go to the towns that do have sales tax which is bigger and leave the money there. So there's no way to do it. And a lot of them small towns got a revenue check for years and I was on the township board and we always got the revenue check too and that kind of helped to do a lot of them other things or extra things that you needed done in the small villages and we really need those small villages to keep the area out there because it...when they dry up the community dries up, so it's really important in the... Another thing I don't think's been mentioned here but I think it's going to be covered by Senator Janssen's amendment that might take out the mandates that's coming down on the small cities. Anyway, just like water testing that they have, that's a cost and I've had a lot of complaints from my small villages that they can't even afford the water testing anymore at the rate that they're paying now, so they're really complaining about that because it's got so high, they have to test it for so many things. So that's a mandate that's not funded and they got to do that so that's another thing that I hope we can get taken care of here. But I'm going to have to stand and support it because I think it's really important to keep the small cities, because when you got 49 of them in your district, if you don't stand up and support something like this, well, there's something wrong. Thank you.