

real high levy. But you also got to remember that you're taking out bonded indebtedness out of this as well and so that will have some skew onto that figure. And each community, as people be...as you begin to examine their budget, you'll find different things in there and that's what will skew their levy up very high. In terms of an operation, quite frankly, most of those operational things fall in that 40 to 50 cent level and that's where we're at right now. We're sitting with 1114 at 45 cents...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...with the additional nickel to go up.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I think Senator Kristensen and Warner, this is part of a process. We're not talking about these lids, you know, like tomorrow, like we snap our fingers. They're two years down the road. And I really think that cities along with school districts have to look at what they're doing. Can they save money? A few years ago I had a bill in Urban Affairs Committee that allows cities to have, and small communities have, civil service protection for the police chief, you know. Do we need, you know, a chief of police in Riverdale, you know? But I think we really have to...this...if we do this, we're starting down a slippery, slippery slope. We can do it. You know, the schools have an argument. We're two years away and I think what we're sending a message to the political subdivisions, look at yourself; is there a way that you can save your money? And I disagree very strongly with you, Senator Schellpeper. You know, we take care of the schools, we don't take care of the cities. I don't...I think we've done a pretty good job over the years of taking care of the cities. Probably the cities will disagree and so forth. If Senator Vrtiska was here I was going to ask him, because I hear that, you know, their levy is very high. They have a city administrator plus an assistant administrator for a very, very small school with...I mean very...school, very small city. So that's what I think we're trying to do, is have the cities look at their spending patterns. Can they do it better? There is also the vote. If they really can make a good case, they can take it to the people and say, this is what we're going to lose