

comment is one of the protections given for the villages was this...was the town hall meeting, 10 percent, then a majority. That's great, but in itself recognizes that we have a problem here. That's in essence why I believe they've made it so easy to increase the levy is because there's an understanding that they're going to need that flexibility of being able to increase over 45 cents. I don't think anybody believes that they're going to be able to continue even close to how they are now at 45 cents. Somebody mentioned they need to look at their spending. Well, I'm saying that those smaller communities that don't have the city sales tax only have property taxes with no increase in state aid, they've been cutting and cutting. I mean they already are running on half the cylinders that they ought to be.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: With that, I will give the balance of my time to Senator Schellpeper.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Mr. Speaker and members, the problem with LB 1114 is that we're trying to put all of our towns in this one, same bracket. Whether you're Omaha, Norfolk, Stanton, Pilger, every town goes in to the same 45 cent bracket. The city of Norfolk has nine cent levy because they have a sales tax, everybody goes there to shop. The city of Pilger has \$1.30 levy 'cause they have nothing there. There are only about 300 people and they need to have...be treated differently than the towns that have a city sales tax. Schools can use property tax, the small, to get their revenue and the schools all use property tax.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I support the Maurstad amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The item before the body now is the adoption of the Maurstad amendment to AM4131. All of those in favor vote yes; all opposed vote nay. We are voting on the adoption of the Maurstad amendment to the Maurstad amendment. All of those in