

the future will hold and that future and the past would tell us that municipalities are down the line in the pecking order, as I indicated before, which I understand the reason why, but I think it's important that we acknowledge that. I think this would be an appropriate change. It certainly, I don't believe, dismantles LB 1114. The schools, of course, with their tiers address this into a certain extent, however, differently, because in effect we're comparing apples to oranges when we compare cities and towns and schools. There's a wider diversity in the school system, for example, state aid program, of those schools that are the exact same size. There's a lot narrower band with municipalities and villages. So I would hope that those that supported the amendment to the amendment will be able to continue to support the amendment. I think it will be good public policy. The smaller towns will still have to make cuts. They'll still have to look at merger and consolidation, joint delivery of services. They're still going to share the pain and would ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the Maurstad amendment. All of those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: (Microphone not activated)..for a call of the house and roll call vote.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Question before the body is, shall the house go under call? All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, to place the house under call.

SPEAKER WITHEM: House is under call. Members not excused please return to the Chamber. Unauthorized parties leave the floor. Members in the Chamber please check and make sure that you have recorded your presence. Senator Schimek, could you check in, please. Senator Beutler. Senator Wesely. Senator Bromm, could you check in, please. Senator Lindsay. Senator Maurstad, how do you, when Senator Lindsay's here, how do you want to proceed? Senator Lindsay is entering the Chamber. Mr. Clerk, proceed to call the roll, please.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 1800 of the Legislative Journal.) 18 ayes, 12 nays on the amendment.