

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Seems to me we've been to this field more than, more than once. And in farming, or course, we know that if you try to plow a field more than once, the lathes don't scour on the plow and you begin to pile up. Senator Vrtiska raised an interesting point, I, and again, I would reiterate that I had the, the decision to make on whether to bring this to the floor of the body for full discussion. I did that. This body has decided twice that they wanted to do it front up, right up front. Front up probably is alright, too. The dollars are the same, they all come from the taxpayers no matter what they are, whether they're out on the open or we find some other mechanism. But I prefer, my friends, to do it out in the open in the way that I proposed and you've accepted with the other two votes we've had on the same issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens, to close on the amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. And I knew when you try something more than one time on the same day you're certainly going to have probably the same reaction or worse, and I understand that. But I am very serious on this because I think we look like fools. You cannot go to school districts, or at least I can't, maybe you all can. I can't. I can't go to school districts back home and say, oh, by the way, these are the cuts this Legislature has voted for you to do. You're going to go from a 1.59 levy eventually down to a dollar, we're going to put your spending lids. Cities that you talked about, Senator Cudaback, on the small towns that we tried to relieve a little bit, they're going to have to cut back severely. But when it came to a frill, and dang it, members, this is a frill, this is a frill, there is nothing that computer can do that you can't take a few minutes and do yourself, nothing. We haven't even had permission by the Exec Board to do it yet, and yet we're planning on spending more General Fund dollars, not just taxpayers, Senator Vrtiska, but more taxpayers' dollars on a frill, when we actually have the dollars to do it ourselves. I've been very polite in not going into