

Senator Warner waives off. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I've not spoken out much on 1114. I don't intend to take much of your time today. I was one of two senators who voted against LB 1114 on General File. I will continue to vote against 1114 because I believe it takes away the budgeting authority of our local governmental subdivisions. If we elect our school boards, our city councilmen, our county supervisors or commissioners and we don't like the way they're spending money, we have the responsibility as taxpayers of that local governmental subdivisions to put the pressure on them at that level. If we're going to take away their budget authority it appears to me like we just as well do away with those boards and send an administrator out from Lincoln. Seems kind of hypocritical to me that we're all...everyone in here's saying, federal government, get off of our back, but now we're trying to run our local government from Lincoln. That's the reason I've been voting against 1114, will continue to do so. May not make a lot of sense, but I'm for property tax relief as much as the next person, but I think we're kind of adding fuel to the fire out there. I, too, would probably rather not see some of these constitutional amendments pass, but, as a citizen, they're looking at lot better to me than they did before we started the session.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Mr. Chairman and members, I also rise to oppose LB 1114. I was the only senator in the Revenue Committee that did not support the bill out of the committee and basically the reason that I did not is because it treats everybody, all of the towns, the same and I don't think you can do that. I think you have to treat them differently. I've made that comment yesterday. We argued about it and it's still something that I think is going to kill our small towns and our small schools and I don't think it's something that has to be done. I think that if we're going to move down this road we need to put some type funding into it so that at least the small towns can say we can maybe cut a little bit. But you can't cut three-fourths of your levy, your budget. It just can't be done. You can't cut that much out of your budget. So I think that this bill, it sounds good. I think it sends the wrong message to the people in this