

that are saying that you can only exceed these limitations by a two-thirds vote of the people, that is not true. There are letters out there saying that this will include the ability to go up to as high as three percent next year, the cost of living is roughly that or less, with the next year being a one percent. The exceptions that have also been made that were not there coming out of the Revenue Committee for special education, the capital improvements are very big exceptions. And that's the reason that probably future things that will come up on this bill, in this amendment, are going to be given a rather critical eye, because I think we've gone a long way to try to work with those subdivisions to make them and allow them to live between now and the time the levy limits come in. I think the Warner amendment is a good amendment. It's one that the school districts are used to living with. There are objections that we can't work with a revenue limitation because we've never done one. That goes away with this amendment, so I think that it's a good approach. Again, it has roughly the same restrictions that we had before, so all the handouts, in terms of the ability to go above for expenditures are still the same and I'd urge the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Warner, there are no further lights on at this time. Would you care to close on your amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: Yeah, Mr. President, again, just to briefly repeat, as Senator Kristensen has just indicated, this does retain the same concepts but allows the use of expenditures which is the process that schools have used in the past and it will save the necessity of trying to convert over to a revenue for a short period of time, and I hope the body would adopt the...this amendment as amended.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Warner. You've heard the closing. The question is, shall the Warner amendment be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Warner's amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: The Warner amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, the next amendment.