

SENATOR JANSSEN: Five minutes! Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Senator Bromm, for allowing me. I won't take all of five minutes, but the first thing you hear when we start imposing cuts and so on like we're talking about now, levy limitations, et cetera, how much control do we have? This is what the political subdivisions come back and say, if you guys would get off our backs, leave us operate the way we intend to be...need to be operating, not (inaudible) get those mandate and so everything you hear every day, take those mandates away from us. This is a good step in that direction in addressing the mandates that are coming from the different committees here in the Legislature. We all have them. Every committee has a portion of them that we're going to be able to look at those, hopefully come up with some solutions that we can alleviate the problem that all political subdivisions have with mandates. I thank Senator Withem and Senator Bromm for helping with this. I...it's a good idea. We'll come back now, I think it is in December, with the suggestions we have. We'll have two years to get them in place, see which one we can take care of or loosen up a little bit on. Other than that, thank you for your time and your consideration.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Oh, my lights on?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That is correct, sir.

SENATOR WARNER: I, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise just to indicate support for the work that several legislators have done on this and express our support for both the concept as well as the purpose that it has and the method they're going about I think is another integral part of what needs to occur over these next two years and I'd just wish to support the amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Coordsen, followed by Senators Kristensen and Maurstad.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I, too, rise to support the amendment. We'd had some, by best definition, informal conversation between members of the