

a concession or way to make people be able to live with this a little bit better, and I would oppose the Avery amendment. If we do this now, next year you'll see somebody come back in and do just one more little amendment, then it will be up to 3 percent. And then, quite frankly, you're at what the growth, the normal growth factors are anyway. And this is designed to be a phase-in period so that the subdivisions don't go through and try to pack the closet so they can try to ride the storm out when the levy limitations come in. I would hope you would vote against the Avery amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Kristensen, you're finished?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Warner. Your light is on again, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I, too, would rise to oppose the amendment. Obviously the increase allowable for this year is higher. It's higher because obviously the time of year, time to prepare to make the adjustment it was only logical. Secondly, we did put in unused budget authority which in some events at least would be helpful. But the main thing is that this whole project is to begin to taper down. And if you keep expanding the limitation in the second year, the tapering down, the review of one's operations looking for areas to economize, it's...you're going to lessen the drive, lessen the incentive to do that. And as a final thing, this is two years away. Obviously next session if there is as broad a problem that comes to the various committees that are going to be working over the summer, the issue can be adjusted then if it is necessary. But it ought to be done on a factual basis, ought to retain the concept that's there now that we're going to start to tighten down on the expansion of the cost and the incentive is going to be gone if the limitation keeps being loosened up, and I would strongly oppose the amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Landis, followed by Senators Avery and Will. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands at this point. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Senator Will.