

It seems small. Naturally I expect Senator Kristensen and Warner which has opposed it, but the situation is that in the second year by a 75 percent majority right now as the bill stands they can go up to a 1 percent over that by...of the governing body. What I am asking just that second year is to allow one more percent so they could go two. And the reason is because of a situation in Gretna that I've been talking with some of the constituents about is that there are some obligations that they feel will take a greater percentage of their budget over the 1 percent and this will allow them to meet those obligations. Another situation that I had thought about and I had talked to some of the Revenue Committee staff about is Gretna a year ago passed a bond issue and they have the process of starting up a new junior high school that was voted by. Now a lot of the construction, true, is under bonds which is outside but there's a lot of start-up costs that aren't covered by this; and with this type of a lid, it won't allow them the flexibility to get started with their budgets sufficiently to meet those needs. And I ask that you consider this. Now what it is again is right now as the bill stands there's a 2 percent the first year with a 1 percent addition to that when the governing body votes, 75 percent vote for it. The second year was zero and 1 percent. I'm asking for one more percent the second year with the 75 percent vote. I feel that in my situation in the school to meet the demands and their obligations that we try to fill that and a small percentage here would allow them. The following year naturally LB 1114 kicks in and there's a significant drop in what their levy and the dollars that they'll have. They will get some additional dollars through the process. But it isn't enough to meet the needs of the start-up on the school. So I'm hoping that you will support this and the idea is that we can go in and look into the future that here is what we set for the next couple of years. Let's stick with it. So with that, I'd ask for your support Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Avery. The house is still under call. Will senators check to make sure they have checked in at this point. Senator Bromm. Senator Robinson and Senator Bohlke. The house is under call. Senator Landis, I'll still give the option to Senator Avery on his amendment. Senator Avery, do you wish to go ahead or would you rather wait for...

SENATOR AVERY: Let's go ahead.