

the responses given by, by my colleague Senator Wesely. This is, of course, deals with something that's out there that would have to be contingent upon a couple of things, that being the downsizing that may or may not occur. But when it does, I felt it important that the local efforts not be mandated, first of all. But secondly, I want to emphasize and point out that this would not preclude them from including funds if they felt at the local level that it was good public policy to do so. So I think that there would still be many cases where the local funds would continue to flow in even if we take out the word "local" here. So I would ask for the adoption of my amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: All of those in favor of the adoption of the Maurstad amendment vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President...Mr. President, excuse me, on adoption of Senator Maurstad's amendment and Senator Wesely's amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Mr. Clerk, if you quit calling me Madam President, I'll quit calling you Senator Clerk, is that a, is that a deal?

CLERK: (Laughs) It's a deal.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Anything further on the amendment?

CLERK: Nothing further on Senator Wesely's amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: We are now then back to consideration of the, the underlying Wesely amendment. Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senators Wehrbein and Beutler.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, Senator Clerk. Senator Wesely, I just had, on your explanation of the committee am...or your amendment I just had one question, I just caught a part of it. The portion towards the end where you talk about a county exemption will no longer be there. Would you go into a little bit of detail. I just missed the explanation of that.

SENATOR WESELY: Sure. Well, when we passed a bill dealing with emergency protective custody, we allowed for small counties to continue to maintain jailing of these individuals versus the,