

either, and I promised Senator Will that I wouldn't talk more than twice, and this is my first time. If I count our opening, it's twice, but I don't want to take a lot of time. I got to just tell you that the door here is wide open. You ought to probably defeat the whole thing. I don't think that's probably fair at this point to Senator Will 'cause he did get it adopted. I think you ought to delay it for a year and allow that discussion, put the burden on (interruption)...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...that don't like it to come back and try to remove it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President. Last week I also opposed Senator Will's proposal and my position certainly hasn't changed since then. I certainly tried to offer vigorous opposition, but, unfortunately, it wasn't enough and, obviously, didn't impress some. My preference would be to strike...strike his amendment, but on this particular instance, I'll try to recognize the judgment of Senator Wesely and Senator Kristensen and go with the delayed implementation with the hope that we can all provide the Legislature more information at that...between now and then, which I don't...I don't think we have enough of now for whatever...for whatever reason. You know after serving through two sessions of the Ninety-Fourth Legislature, one thing I've observed is that even good bills become better bills after two rounds of deliberation. This is, in my opinion, an unfunded mandate at a time when we have applied severe measures that will drastically impact cities in the upcoming years, and at a time when we've decided to study this whole mandate issue. It would be my opinion that that...that this measure, if we take a delayed implementation, could be a part of that study as well as an independent analysis by those that have feelings on the issue one way or the other. So for that...for those reasons, I will rise to support the motion to return to Select File. I will then support the amendment and hope that the members will do likewise. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the