

at some changes that might be able to be made. But I also want to commend the Revenue Committee for all of their hard work and the Legislature for actually leading the way. So I will be standing in support of LB 1114, even though it hasn't been an easy decision. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Abboud. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'll be brief but I want to commend the Revenue Committee for all their hard work on these issues. But I want to make a couple of remarks. In a time when everybody is saying, let's get the heavy hand of government off the back...off our backs, and we're all saying we have too much intrusion by the federal government, now we are making the same mistake, I believe, on the state level that's been made on the federal level. We are putting the heavy hand of state government on our local governmental subdivisions. I just bought some diesel fuel last week. The price has gone up almost 50 percent. I wonder how our schools and counties and cities are going to cope with a 50 percent increase in the price of fuel when they can only increase their budget by three percent, one percent and one percent. Somebody's roads is not going to get graded. I think we take away a lot of flexibility from our local governmental subdivisions, not only to set their own budgets, but to decrease their budgets when the appropriate time arises, when they have the opportunity. And so I have been philosophically opposed to levy limits and spending caps, and even stated during my campaign that I would not support those issues. So that explains my no vote, and with those remarks, I'll stop.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Witek. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Debate is ceased. Senator Bernard-Stevens to close.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I appreciate the discussion that has been on both sides. I, too, want to commend the Revenue Committee for its hard work. I'm not sure I'm going to applaud the Revenue Committee for