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SENATOR BEUTLER: It says, it says, Senator, no local system shall receive funds under this act if their levy for the current school year is less than 95 percent of the maximum levy allowable. So, in other words,...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...in other words, if you're not exercising your full levy then you would not be...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: If you have capac...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...or at least 95 percent of your full levy, you would not be eligible for funds under this...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...on the theory that you have (inaudible).

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: If you have capacity, you have to pay for it yourself.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. I...I will...I guess I'll oppose Senator Beutler's amendment. I understand what he's trying to say and I don't know that that's such a bad idea but, personally, I think that if we're going to try to enhance vocational education at this time, under the circumstances that we have right now, I would oppose Senator Beutler's amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I also rise in opposition. I think that Senator Beutler might have something that could be workable, except I think about districts where the levy has been set and some industry moves in or some development develops and, as a result, the levy is not as high as they intended it to be and it's not their fault. And so it puts them in a rather precarious position because if they're close to that area and...of the...I think it was 95 percent and the valuation comes in higher than was