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reasonable and it would help the counties.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, I just...I probably am not going to support it, but I'm not really arguing against the idea of it. Actually, there's a lot of merit to the idea, but I just wanted people to be aware of the price tag attached to this amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Further discussion on the Robak amendment, Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Schimek, question please.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schimek, if you'd yield?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Wasn't the discussion somewhat surrounding around the fact we had an unusual number of amendments on the ballot in that particular year when this tally was taken from, but, normally, it wouldn't be probably that high, we would assume? Is that correct?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: We...we could assume that but I don't know that...I mean there's possible there could be a year when it would be even greater.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, and I agree with that, but the only comment I wanted to make, and certainly I don't disagree that it's a lot of money, but you have to put it in context. No matter what, it's going to cost somebody some money.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Correct.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Taxpayers are going to pay for it whether it's at this level or the level at the county level and I guess that's the only point that I wanted to make. And I...I recognize the fact you were warning the people that this is a...could be and has been a rather large sum of money but I guess my only point is that, yeah, that's true but it's going to be there no matter what and somebody is going to have to pay it. And I guess it comes down to the point with lids and all the