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morning as to what is Occam's razor,...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...but let me say this. I would like to use the most simplified approach possible. That would be to adopt my amendment and strike this language from the law. Then, if there's some particular agreement or understanding that exists with one municipality, let that be covered in a bill that will clearly delineate for the body what is being done and we can make a decision at that time. But I'm serious about this amendment and I will take it to a vote, and it may jaundice my eye relative to the bill, but I've only got one vote. There are 48 others who would support this bill, and it takes more than 1 little fox to destroy this (recorder malfunction). It's the little foxes that destroy the vine.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I didn't intend to speak on this amendment, but I, as a member of the Appropriations Committee, I think I probably will take this opportunity to do that. There are going to be a large number of amendments in the series of appropriations bills that you will consider, and a large number of them decrease aid to local political subdivisions in one fund or another. It's a very complex thing and we spent a lot of time not only with cities and municipalities, but with counties and others, trying to decide which fund was appropriate and how much money out of each fund should we cut. And, of course, every time you cut one of those funds, you're putting pressure on property taxes. That is, the counties, the cities, the others are going to go out and the temptation will be to make up those revenues by increasing property taxes to the extent that they're able to do that. So I think it's a mistake and I'm very much against this amendment at this point in time because you're taking it totally out of context. You're taking it out of the context of aid to municipalities generally, whereas when we have this discussion on the Appropriations Committee bill you'll have various alternatives out in front of you. You're taking it out of the context of aid to political subdivisions generally and the whole