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we go to the people on every issue like this, I think we're doing a disservice. It's governing by mob rule. And I might also question the...as I understand the process, the Revenue Committee did kill the bills. But I also believe that that's when cities and counties were looking at a 10 percent cut in state aid. Life is different today than it was in committee. Again, cities are facing a 32 percent cut this year. That amounts to about a 54 percent cut over the last two and a half sessions. Counties are looking at 39 percent cut this session. And all they are asking for is the right or the authority to increase by one percent spending by a supermajority vote of their governing boards. So it would take...they're allowed two and a half percent. Supermajority vote, they can go to three and a half percent. They are asking for four and a half percent by supermajority vote. It's about allowing those communities and/or counties that are receiving revenues in excess of their spending authority, allowing them to spend up to four and a half percent by a supermajority vote. Again, Mr. Speaker, thank you very much. I urge the adoption of AM1660.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Mines. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Senator Mines touched on a subject there that...what is happening. You know, the cities are going to be facing a 32 percent reduction in their state aid; counties, 39 percent. That's a far cry from what some of the entities are being left with. You have to remember, as I said before, that this wouldn't be a majority vote. It would be a supermajority vote; 75 percent would have to agree on doing this. And it just...it's kind of mind-boggling to me that here we sit with counties, and especially my county, and cities who probably run some of the tightest budgets of any political subdivision in the state. I mean, that...those are the...those are two entities that are probably closer to the constituents than anything else. They're high profile. They work very closely with their dollars that they have. They're tight. (Laugh) Let's put it that way. And for being so, they are, in my opinion, being scrutinized by not being able to use those funds, those restricted funds that are not...that are available to them, and they can't use them. Now, Senator Johnson, I know you've got a problem in Kearney.