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additional budget authority through that route. So I just thought I would make those points. I think that, again, in terms of managing the state's fiscal resources, in terms of dealing effectively with aid programs and trying to accomplish the purposes in an efficient manner, we are far better off to leave LB 622 as it is currently drafted than to make the change...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...that would be proposed in Senator Canssen's amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes and Senator Engel. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I just wanted to let the body know I stand shoulder to shoulder with Brother Jones on his idea of including counties. If we're going to start talking about peeling away and taking money and putting it back into these counties and cities and et cetera, then I think we need to include them all. Because everybody here knows that counties have taken a big hit too. And I suspect probably we ought to talk about putting some money back in the K-12 system, and maybe university, and maybe the state colleges. You know, it could go on and on. I know that's getting a little off track, because that's not what we're talking about. But the issue here...I've listened to this...these arguments, and I understand there's enough pain for everybody.. to go around for everybody, but I think we have to recognize...and I...there, I'm also supportive, of course, of Senator Landis' idea. I don't know if he's going to make an amendment of it or not. But I think it's the right way to go, simply because it's...those are the ones that really are suffering the hardest out of this whole issue, that don't have any sales tax. So I'm going to continue to listen. But I just wanted to put up the warning that we are in the process of preparing an amendment to include the counties. And if we have to go that direction, then that's what we have to do. And I know some of you are not going to be in favor of that, but some of you aren't in favor of this either. So we'll just have to