

can't tell you that I would know that that was the case.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Okay. And maybe it was an unfair question. It's not an unanswerable question and the answer, frankly, is no, there are none out there because I think that scenario presupposes that, in fact, there have been counties that have zero increases, maybe over a period of a few years, and that's simply not the case. The reason I rise is because I've got a particular county and there is another provision of the original amendment that is out which I believe talks about fund transfers and I think they were excepted from the formula. In other words, if you transfer from one fund inside the county to another fund, that is part of the total budgeted expenditures. It's not new money. It's not additional money, but I guess it makes no difference if you take the formula out. But if, in fact, you're doubling up on budget expenditures if you include twice fund transfers and that language I think in the second amendment is now out. Wayne County has not been a county that has spent money hand over fist. In fact, what they did was not spend money. They were very frugal, very conservative and they got caught in the lid process because of their frugality and not spending money and not going up to the maximum, they got in a situation where, now because we've put the lid on them, they cannot meet the necessary expenditures on a year to year basis of gravel, of law enforcement, of the basic and essential functions that they have to have there. The amendment on General File would have given them relief and the maximum relief they would have gotten under that amendment, I think, was about \$60,000. To them, that is an awful lot of money. I understand the concern out there, maybe over there, that if you do this, you have the potential of a 10 to 12 percent increase but, frankly, that potential is an unrealistic potential because there are no circumstances that I'm aware of where, based upon the given scenario in any county, there has been zero percent increase and that's...

SPEAKER BACK: One minute.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: ...the only way you're going to get to the 10 or 12 percent. I appreciate, I appreciate the first amendment. I think it was a fair amendment. I don't think it gives the counties willy-nilly authority to raise their levies and, frankly, I trust them any more than I trust us. So I would rise in opposition, except for you, Senator Bernard-Stevens, I trust you implicitly in nearly everything, but I do rise against