

this exemption in there, it certainly could be argued that locals have a better hammer to come to us and ask for money. So having said that, I'll support your amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: Intricate line of argument.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Landis, you're next.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. Would Senator Hohenstein yield to a question?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hohenstein.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Yes, I will.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Hohenstein, given the fact that there are no zero base lines to use, what is the maximum property tax increase allowable under the scenario of the amendment that I am striking but that you, in fact, support?

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Well, Senator Landis, I'm going to tell you that I had looked at that some time ago and I've got some information from a particular county which has their budget expenditures in there and the...even assuming their expenditures, it was minimal as far as over the 5 percent, and the main reason that was is because of the transfer provision.

SENATOR LANDIS: That provision said 6 percent, it didn't say 5 percent.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Excuse me.

SENATOR LANDIS: So it's got to be above 6 percent and you checked one out of 93 counties.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Yeah, I didn't check...I didn't check any other county. I was concerned with one county, I worked on one county. I represent that county.

SENATOR LANDIS: I think you've answered the question.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Yeah.

SENATOR LANDIS: I think that's fair.