

counties like Senator Hohenstein is describing where they were at the wrong time quite prudent in their tax requests; in fact, maybe more prudent than they should have been and nothing in here addresses their problems which are far more immediate and far more pressing than any problems anyone is experiencing with ADA. I don't know of anyone, any one political subdivision that is going broke because of the requirements of ADA. In fact, there are express provisions in the ADA law which says you're only required to do what you can. There is an out. And if those ADA requirements could all be funded, I'm presuming, in one year because we have an unlimited taxing ability to do them, perhaps under the federal law you can be required then to have great expenditures for ADA in any one given year, maybe more than anybody would really feasibly want to tolerate, but that isn't the standard that is in the federal law. I think we have a way now to manage our ADA expenses and I'm reluctant to erode our ability to do that within our budgetary needs. And I will reiterate that I believe that the amendment that came out... the proposal that came out of the committee addressed another very, very real concern and that is the effect of the lid on not only counties, but perhaps other political subdivisions which had unrealistically...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...low tax requests at the time the lid was imposed.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. We are now... we are still on the Landis amendment. Any other discussion on the Landis amendment? Seeing none, Senator Landis, would you like to close?

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I wish I could accommodate all of the desires that there are to put holes in the lid for every political subdivision here that would like that to happen. Unfortunately, that is the beginning of a slippery slope. Now, it's true that the committee came out with a package which Senator Hohenstein likes, Senator Wickersham liked, the difficulty was that I've, in consultation with the Governor's Office, been threatened with a veto in this case, and this is probably the provisions that I can get from the bill. I don't have a guarantee that there won't be a veto but it's pretty clear that I'm going to get one if I've got this in there. Now, if we start down the slippery slope of giving