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make our lid legislation work and make it workable so that we do not have a total rejection and a possible constitutional amendment coming before us that would much more strongly regiment the spending by constitution, take away the flexibility of state and local governments in total. So I think it is essential that we make the lid bill workable by exempting these extremely small subdivisions. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner, do you wish to be recognized on the LB 613?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to support the committee amendments. As Senator Burrows told you before, he and I introduced 783 and the Revenue Committee added this bill to 613. I am particularly interested in the rural fire districts and also in the townships. These subdivisions of government have small budgets and these small budgets are hard to adjust to the 7% lid limit. Just take for instance, a rural fire district. They probably only have a thousand or two dollar budget a year. If they buy a new fire truck, buy a new rescue unit, they exceed this budget many times and yet to call for an election would perhaps cost more than their total budget. In my area usually a vote will cost from two to three dollars to have an election. I think if we adopt this amendment we will be helping them out and I think we need to keep this lid flexible. The board members of these small local governments are local people. Usually we know them all and know that they are responsible people. I would certainly urge your support in this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: I would like to call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Okay, I now see five hands. The question before the House is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Okay. Record. Just a minute, Pat. Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Is this on the amendment, committee amendments?

SPEAKER MARVEL: No, this is the motion to cease debate.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Oh, okay, excuse me.

SENATOR NEWELL: Let it go.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Announce the vote.