

because they feel like they have been whipsawed around and misused and I understand that. After all, they are elected officials. We're elected officials. I guess we'd all ought to be able to understand that feeling once in a while. It happens to all of us, but nevertheless, it seems to me it would be wrong for us to take away the option and say that you cannot cut your budget, but you shall indeed have an election and I really think that's what it is doing when I really sit down and read it. I don't want them to have to do that. I want them to be able to if they want to and I understand that many of the county boards will not have any other option other than go to a vote of the people and if they want to then and if they want to blame the Legislature because of the land valuation changes...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...I'm sure that they will figure out ways to do it and I'm sure that is something that they will do and there is not a whole lot we can do about it one way or the other. So I guess I think that maybe we might be making a mistake if we do indeed adopt this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Remmers, please.

SENATOR REMMERS: (No response.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Miller, while we're waiting.

SENATOR MILLER: Mr. President, I want to state that the Ag Land Task Force did consider this and that they remained neutral on it, were not for it or against it, and I wanted you to know that. I personally agree with Tom Vickers that it is not necessary legislation. I have faith in the county boards that they can make the decision, probably with more knowledge individually than we can here in their own county as to whether they should cut their spending or as to whether they should put it out to the people to vote to go over the limit and that ability to do that is right now and I have faith in the county boards that they will make the right decision and so this amendment is not necessary.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: I'll pass.