

functions of state government and that secondarily we can assist if there are funds available the other subdivisions. It is kind of interesting that...and I have not been on the floor this afternoon so I do not know the other arguments that have been advanced, but it seems to me that perhaps Senator DeCamp and Senator Warner are coming together a bit and I think that perhaps the reason is that all of us as we have struggled and worked over the years to provide assistance to local governments have recognized that in too many instances the local governments accepted the funds much as you would an inheritance from a rich uncle who just died and left you a little largess and you took it and continued your lifestyle as usual. I would suggest that...and I am not saying at the present time how I am going to vote, but I am intrigued a bit by some of the comments that were made this morning as a result of the Senator Carsten study as to how the local subdivisions have treated their budget process during the period of time that we have for the most part, and I have been a participant in that, advanced additional funds to the local subdivisions. Now I recognize as well as any of you the problems that are inherent with local government and I am concerned about those problems. I have on my desk today a letter and a clipping from a constituent who is concerned about the taxes on their home and I know that those problems are out there. But I guess I am going to have to take a look across the board and see how the appropriations for local subdivisions have fared in the past few years as opposed to those of state government. It may well be that we are at that point where perhaps the policy of Senator Warner is going to come back and rest upon the shoulders of some of the rest of us who have for years attempted to assist and we have assisted local subdivisions very heavily. So it might be that we take care of our own responsibility first and then we take a second look back home. In so doing, it is going to cause some problems there, we may have to reconsider but I am going to sit and listen to this debate for a while and I think that we have here an opportunity to place some responsibility very succinctly where it belongs. It is going to be a very interesting afternoon.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Madam Chair and members of the body, I, too, like Senator Schmit, seem to find a little bit of levity here seeing who has introduced the amendment, Senator