

that is not pertinent to the issue of 275, but it is pertinent to the overall problems. Other things on the sheet shows a graph, it shows how property tax would increase with a one-time shot. The last three examples are just exactly that. It would show that if you used the Governor's budget and added another 50 million, why, you would have a deficit before the end of this session based on current projections. The next sheet shows what would happen if you do the 50 million in addition to the Governor's budget and assume that collections for this year will be 20 million more, and I suspect when the board meets in February and April that that will occur, but even with that, it would indicate that it would be in a deficit position at the beginning of the next session, so...or by during the next session of the biennium, and that, obviously, is something to keep in mind. And the last sheet shows that what you would need to do based on current projections plus additional 20 million. In order to sustain that level of funding, there are a number of items that are either in the Governor's budget or somewhere else in the budget that could not be done. The other handout, again, is a historical one which merely shows the percentage growth over a period of time, since 1966-67 of the amount of funds, the percent of the appropriation that has gone to aid, and the percent that has gone to state operations. I hasten to add, so that you understand the definition of aid is one that is used by the state accountant, those items that are included in the aid are also on that sheet, and that, again, it is just for informational purposes. What I would like to stress, because the point has been made that this is a time for us to indicate to those whom we represent that we are concerned about property tax. I want you to look at that sheet, that first one I handed out, and it would indicate that if, in fact, all \$50 million went to property tax relief,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...that there is no increase. It is not a reduction in your property tax. The average increase would be 1.72 percent as opposed to 6, and the following year, it still goes back to that average of 6 percent. Fifty million does not cure the problem. I would suggest there is only two ways...one way that you can do it, and the only way I know that we can really cure the property tax problem we have in Nebraska is that you establish a tax fund...a tax source that will grow somewhat comparable to the expenditure that you can expect to grow at the local level and, particularly I suspect, in the areas of