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pending there was every reason that this year we should have received the information...been able to put the information together as quickly as possible. It would seem that under the circumstances there would be...that...that every effort would be made to get it together as soon as possible, and we are past, well past the February 1 date. And I understand very clearly our reason for changing the date. It is something that we must do for the school districts so that they can plan for what they need to do in terms of contracts with teachers, as Senator Bohlke read the letter into the record this morning. But I think that...that it's clear from...from what's happened for this year that even February 1, moving from December to February, is not...is not sufficient. And so I believe that March 1, at least it gives a little bit more time for the information to be processed, but it still gives some time for the school districts to...to be able to calculate everything that they need to be able to analyze their situation before they have to get into the contract process. And I just believe that it's a small change but it's a change that under the circumstances, with what we've been able...what we've found out from not being able to have the information this year when I would think that there would have been every effort possible expended to get the information in as timely a manner as possible, we are still well-past the February 1 deadline, that I think that...that we...we need to look at March 1 and make sure that we have a reasonable date that's reasonable both for our purposes, for the accuracy of the data, for the time line of how long it will take the Department of Education to do their calculations, but also give sufficient time to the school districts for them to be able to use that data, use the information to make appropriate decisions on the local level. And, with that, I would close on the amendment...I would yield the rest of my time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Kristensen, on the Brown amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and, Senator Brown, I'm not going to speak to your amendment, although I, at first glance, I'm not sure that works well. But I do want to take the opportunity because I know this morning we're going to have some short time here and Senator