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SENATOR BROMM: ...is just not...it's not necessary, and it's not practical, and it's not the right thing to do. And I...I don't fault Senator Kristensen for bringing the amendment. It's a good discussion. It's a discussion we need to have but I strongly urge you to not only defeat the Wickersham amendment but the Kristensen amendment. If you adopt the Wickersham amendment, you will have gone back on your word that you're going to bring property tax relief to the homeowner, to the farm and ranch owner, because you're saying the property limits mean nothing. If we decide to do this, you can raise your property tax. That's...that's a lifting of the lid, lifting of the levy limit. That is not consistent with what we set out to do here. The discussion is good. The amendment should be defeated. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Smith would like to announce the following guests are visiting the Legislature, Andy Laws and Steve Laws from Gering and Scottsbluff, Nebraska, under the south balcony. Please rise so we can recognize you. Senator Janssen, on the Wickersham amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. It's going to be kind of tough for all of us to go back and tell our schools that we are going to reconsider; we are going to reconsider what we have done in the past four years. Senator Wickersham's amendment makes some adjustments, makes adjustments that possibly the schools can work with, but you look at...look at what that will do, as Senator Bromm had mentioned. When we all know the situation that the farmers are in now and ranchers and homeowners, especially those that were hit with valuation increases that means that the dollar, even though we capped the levy limits at \$1.10 and now pretty soon to a dollar, but dollarwise they are seeing increases now. Not everybody but those that have had valuation increases, it really didn't mean that much. Can you imagine what's going to happen if we allow them to go over these lids? Well, I tell you what, I hope the rest of you have a little tougher hide than what I do. My hide has got a lot tougher since I've been here, but you're going to...you're going to be faced with a bad situation. I always thought we were on the right track. I thought we were getting close to where we anticipated funding schools. When