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series of amendments concerning NRDs, for example. Senator Kristensen filed an amendment to the A bill that brings to high...brings to the fore the difficulty with community colleges. So I know that you're going to hear about those issues, but I do hope as you hear about those issues that you recall that our objective in proposing the structure that we did to you is that we very much wanted to keep this simple...this system simple. The simpler it is the more predictable it's going to be, and it was...it was in the past a very complex system. We are making an effort in this instance to simplify it and to, perhaps, give it some greater degree of predictability. Thank you. I'll be happy to try to respond to questions, if you have them, about the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. For discussion on the committee amendments to LB 142, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I guess mostly I want to have a question with Senator Wickersham.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham, would you yield?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And you can have the rest of my five minutes if you have enough to say on this subject, but I didn't hear in your explanation, and I heard most of what you were saying in the introduction of your bill and in your committee, what was the intent of the Revenue Committee as to...I'll call it the \$13.4 million shortfall with the other entities. Other than that, that is other than the schools, counties and cities, what was the intent of that revenue replacement, if and or any, as far as the Revenue Committee had in its discussion the last two or three years?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, there are two possibilities. One, any one of the particular political subdivisions, to the extent they have levy capacity, could replace lost motor vehicle revenues with general property tax dollars. That was always a possibility. We were also aware that, for example, ESUs had become largely funded by the state and we assumed that they