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SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Members of the body, I supported this bill at General File in anticipation of this particular amendment. I think that the bill gives us two good things. One is it gives some predictability to the local schools districts. And many of you have served on local boards and you know how difficult it is to plan a budget when there isn't predictability. That's a good thing. It also gives us an assurance that valuations are not going to drive property taxes through the roof, and that's also a good thing. Whether this is the best vehicle to achieve those goals, I don't know. But I know that I support the amendment and I support the amendment because I'm looking at the budget that we have this year, and I'm looking at the struggle that the Appropriations Committee has in meeting all of the needs that are out there, and all of the mandates that come to us, whether it's the child care that has grown exponentially, whether it is the Medicaid that grows exponentially, mandates that we have no choice but to fund. And I look down the road and I wonder if we can predict with any kind of certainty that we are going to be able to continue to see the growth in income tax and sales tax revenue that we have as a state. And will we be able to fund, not only those mandates but, as Senator Beutler has addressed, the very, very legitimate and responsible needs that we have as a state? And so I have a great deal of concern. I'm going to support the amendment because I think it's a more cautious approach if you are in support of this bill. I would hope that you would vote for it because it will improve the bill. I know that there's a great deal of discussion and concern about the level of property taxes. But one thing I want to explain, as an urban senator, I don't think you realize that low-income people don't generally see a benefit when we lower income...or property taxes, excuse me, because they don't own property, they rent property. And while the cost of property taxes are passed on to them in the form of their rents, generally, when property taxes go down, that savings is not usually passed on. So they don't see a great deal of benefit. But the one thing they will see is a continuation of the income taxes, no matter how low they pay, it's still a great deal of their low-income. And certainly they will see the sales taxes that they continue to pay in order to just meet the necessities of life. As I look at the chart that Senator Raikes has passed out to us, I see that it's very, very