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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Crosby, on the motion to advance LB 1279.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Wickersham, would you do me a quick favor and explain to me what the original intention of LB 1279 is or was or...just what was LB 1279 originally? Was a budget...go ahead.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes. LB 1279 was a bill that dealt primarily with budgets, but we had amended the provisions of LB 1279 into LB 689. That bill has passed and has been...

SENATOR CROSBY: That's what I...okay. I wanted to be sure I remembered what we had done. And we...and then you used this bill to put in your amendment today to or whenever we...you used this bill to put the amendment in to clarify the homestead language.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes. Two things actually, Senator. One...

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, the reason I'm asking you that is because I did vote for the two amendments, voted for your amendment, and I don't like being...all the philosophizing that's going on now gets away from what the bill is supposed to be doing. I don't like to be made look like a villain because I'm going to vote to move LB 1279. I think probably what you're trying to do, if I am...and you can, of course, explain this in your closing, but it was needed...it was necessary to do that, right, your amendment?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's my belief, Senator, yes.

SENATOR CROSBY: We need to...okay. And the Revenue Committee, I think most of the Revenue Committee went along. Well, I haven't...I can't tell you that for sure. Well, the reason I asked that question is because there is so much philosophizing going on here. And you do have next year to come back and try to arrange...April 1 is past. These people can't get the exemption now anyway, so I think next year you need to look...this is my feeling about it. Because I introduced, way,