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we're going to...we lost all the funding from the formula; it's not going to go to property tax relief this year; there's going to be...property tax payers are going to sit there and look at that and say, community colleges, you raised what you're spending. That's not true at all; and in fact what happened was they lost their funding because we just didn't have the money to put into that formula. If you do this \$10 million, you're basically going to dribble it out. And so they're going to have that conversation with their taxpayers twice--once this time around and then the next time, when the...when the...that \$10 million isn't sustainable. And it's going to cause the community colleges problems. I think it's also going to cause the taxpayers some confusion. Now that...the other is that \$10 million is going to roughly amount, to \$100,000 home, to \$10. Now if any of you can tell me, within \$10, what your property tax is, I'm going to buy you an ice cream cone. Most people can't do that. The other is that if you take \$10 million out of the university system you are, in effect, you're going to wind up raising tuition even further, ultimately that's what will happen. And at this point in time I don't think that that is an ideal thing to do, I don't even think it's advisable to do. I'd hope the body would see fit to defeat this amendment and let's move on with the budget. Thank you.

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

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I wondered if Senator Erdman would yield to a question?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR BOURNE: Senator, Senator, as I read your amendment, the purpose is to cut the university's budget and restore some of the property tax relief to the community colleges?

SENATOR ERDMAN: That is correct.

SENATOR BOURNE: You know, when I...when we passed that