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to try to figure out a way to hold the line or, hopefully, reduce to some extent our local property taxes. And I don't think that the impact will be felt immediately with LB 305, but within two or three years, it will be felt by the property taxpayers, and I think...I think in that respect it will run contrary to one of the main things that I have heard about ever since I've been in this Legislature, and it's not that I...it's not that I don't want to pay the teachers more. I certainly do, but I just feel that we are looking at, in the absence of something like the Maxwell amendment, we're most certainly looking at a road map for higher property taxes in many of our districts. Now perhaps where you...where you're in a district where you have extremely good growth in evaluations, maybe, and then maybe that's the situation with a lot of the districts, you'll be okay or you won't be hit so hard. But in those districts where property values are...there isn't real growth, you're going...we're going to have problems especially if we are up at the budget levy limits now.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: And...and so those are some of the main concerns. Senator Maxwell did come and talk to me about the lottery fund concepts here because of LB 833, which has...has been enacted already, and that has the distance learning component, and as I understand his amendment, and maybe I should get him on the record, if he would yield to a question

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Maxwell.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Certainly.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Maxwell, the way your amendment is crafted, the distance learning funding that has already been approved by the Legislature would remain intact as far as having...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...the same amount of money available, is that right?