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bill or this proposal, this amendment, would get you into the game of...of allowing exceptions to the levy lid without a vote. Spending lids are a part of the program in LB 305, but there is no relaxation of any property tax levy lid. This would do that. So, for both those reasons, I oppose the Jensen amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jensen, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, like I said, you can certainly make a decision on this. I do feel for the districts out there that have incurred a large energy cost, I think this is a way to allow them to pick up that...that cost. You know, if there's a difference of paying the energy cost or buying books or buying pencils, to me, I would rather that there was a way that they could do both by going outside the lid for the energy costs. I would ask for the adoption of the amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the Jensen amendment. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. We're voting on the Jensen amendment. Have you all voted who care to? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The amendment is not adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have, Senator Tyson has FA226. I have a note, Senator, that you wish to withdraw FA226 and allow, as a substitute, Senator Wehrbein's AM2080. (Legislative Journal page 2110.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Any objection to the substitution? Seeing none, Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members of the body, I'm going to have a handout. I'm not sure where it was. I...this came up just a little faster than I thought. I thank you, Senator Tyson, for allowing me to discuss this amendment. This is