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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR JONES: Yes. Now my understanding of this, if a school district is up to \$1 and can't go no higher, and they've lost state aid money, by a majority vote of the board they can go above the \$1?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Only for the amount of state aid that they lost versus the February 1st certification.

SENATOR JONES: Okay. And then the schools that cannot vote...how come...how come they cannot go over then? Because they're already up to a \$1 and they didn't lose no state aid, or what's the reason?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: No. What the analysis...what the analysis says, that even if you can replace the lost state aid, even if you can replace the lost state aid, it isn't enough. The general policies of the levy...levy limitations in principle and the current state aid formula are going to mean that your school will still suffer financial constraints.

SENATOR JONES: Okay. And I think this has been answered once, but look on the first page of the handout, Ansley Public Schools,...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR JONES: ...they got 1 and they got 271 students.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Correct. That means that even if they replace the dollars that they would lose by LB 898, that those dollars won't be enough to meet what we think they're going to characterize their financial needs as. And the same thing is true at Alliance, the same thing is true at Morrill.

SENATOR JONES: Um-hum. So, if there's no figures in the last two columns, they can.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Then...then we think the exclusion will, in