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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Bromm, on AM3608.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. And I probably might like to ask Senator Wickersham a question, if he would come to the microphone.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wickersham, are you available?

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Wickersham, I was reading the amendment and particularly the school provisions on page 9 that...and I'm sorry I probably missed part of the explanation. But could you give me once more a quick overview of what this changes with respect to school districts, it looks like beginning this fiscal year that we're in right now?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay. The provisions actually repeat a little bit of what's already in the bill but we're...we're putting them into one provision. So just the very...walking through the pieces; one, it simply says, as you go down through the first few lines, that with a three-fourths majority vote of a school board, the board can exceed the maximum levy prescribed by law, which at the moment is \$1.00, in an amount equal to the net difference between the amount of state aid that would have been provided under the TEEOSA without LB 898, and the amount that they are going to get pursuant to LB 898, and that the department will certify that amount to the school districts or the multiple district school systems so that if it...if their board votes for that three-quarters majority vote, they can use that difference as an exclusion to the levy limit. Again, the purpose is to provide a mechanism for calculation of that amount. School districts probably would not have been able to calculate that on their own so we're asking the Department of Education to do that, and as the Department of Education does that, they'll of course also produce an audit basis so that if some school district claims exclusion, we'll know that what they claim is within the exclusion amount.

SENATOR BROMM: And it's expected that that certification would go out...would go out by what date?