

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, they are close to their levy limit and the lawsuit is not necessarily based on them reaching their limit, it is just based on the fact that their...of their ability to levy more. So to clear up the situation as far as further litigation goes, we need to pass LB 1050 and that would put in place that all of them could levy up to that limit. They are not required to but they could levy up to that limit.

SENATOR MOORE: But even with the bill as written, Western still needs to levy more than the rest of the districts, correct? I mean, the other way you could solve the levy problem is to pump more money in from the state, correct?

SENATOR BAACK: That is correct.

SENATOR MOORE: And this does not go to that extent to solve that problem?

SENATOR BAACK: No, it does not. It does not..another way of solving the problem would be to lower the levy that everybody can charge, and then just pump more money into Western. Yes, that would be a possibility.

SENATOR MOORE: But this does not solve the problem to that extent?

SENATOR BAACK: It certainly does not.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any other discussion? Senator Baack, would you care to make any closing statement? Thank you. The question is the advancement of the bill to E & R engrossing. Those in favor say aye. Opposed no. The ayes have it. Motion carried. The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk, have you anything for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Two new A bills, LB 39A. (Read for the first time by title.) LB 855A by Senator Rod Johnson. (Read for the first time by title. See pages 566-67 of the Legislative journal.)

Mr. President, your Committee on Transportation, whose Chair is Senator Lamb, to whom was referred LB 860 instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation it be