

cents per \$100 valuation, up to 11 1/2 cents. That would...this bill would permit that, but I want to point out that the board could not go up above nine cents, it could not go above nine cents without three-quarters majority, 75 percent majority. This would really, I want...the boards have been judicious. They have not been up to their upper limits. They have not been bouncing against that. And what we are really working towards here is getting the law legitimate...in a legitimate form so that it counteracts a class action lawsuit. It would make all community colleges equal in their taxing authority. That is what it's getting at. And, with that, I don't believe I have any further comments, but it is certainly dealing with a lawsuit that is presently in existence, very likely to be one and will bring about a financial problem that not only will certain community college areas have to deal with, but the Legislature would have to deal with also. Thank you.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Weihing. Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. President, and members, LB 1050, as we discussed LB 143 last week, you know, addresses a problem in the western two community college areas. The problem I have with LB 1050 is if you remember in years past, whenever we deal with levy limits, and a most recent example was in the 1987 session when we talked about raising the levy limits for the natural resources districts. There was a hue and cry in the Legislature on whether or not we should do that. I think, yes, there is a lawsuit there that facilitates a reason, at least, for LB 1050 but I certainly hope the Legislature will scrutinize this type of changing of what...how high that levy can go, it will scrutinize it as much today as they did back there when we dealt with the NRDs and other times this body has dealt with levy limits, because the fact of the matter is like I have no problem granting additional authority. I guess maybe sometimes I don't appreciate being the fact told that because of a lawsuit I have to. And there still is a degree of uncertainty in this lawsuit. We don't know necessarily that we have to do it. Yes, I mean, if you want to remove all doubt, if you pass LB 1050, you take care of the problem, we don't know what the result of that is going to be. And also if you remember with the amendment we passed that we added to LB 143 last week, and I think the equalization formula was driven by levy limits and those higher than average, and when you take off that \$9 dollar cap presently in statute and raise it up to 11, you increase the possibility,