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SENATOR LINDSAY: Uh-huh.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Sometimes it's carelessness and...and I appreciate the, you know, the concern there. I don't know if they should be the same, and, of course, then that comes back to the arson and the criminal mischief that Senator Kristensen brought up. You know, when we do things piecemeal like this sometimes we aren't serving justice by doing that.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Uh-huh.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And...and that's why I told you that I just had a little reservation on doing this without some kind of research or backup as to why we're doing it. And one of my questions is, how...what percentage are we raising these thresholds?

SENATOR LINDSAY: It depends on which threshold. They go different amounts.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So...so there is no percentage consistency?

SENATOR LINDSAY: No.

SENATOR PIRSCH: How did you arrive at what they should be?

SENATOR LINDSAY: We tried to get just a rough idea of what...what the increase would have been and then round them. Certainly can't...we certainly couldn't take a CP...a Consumer Price Index, apply it to the figures and then take that amount. They would have to be rounded to some rational level.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So you took the Consumer Price Index, which is a percentage?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Roughly, roughly, is what I said, yes, and then rounded them.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And then rounded it up or down or up, probably.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Probably up, yeah.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Probably up. When was the last year that these thresholds or these penalties were set for that amount?