

reevaluation, I think, is particularly important to remember what we did as a legislative body back in 1989 when we sent \$100 million back out to subdivisions for property tax relief. It didn't necessarily get there that way. So we do need a lid. I am not opposed to tightening the school lid, I am just opposed to this methodology. A number of other things I'd like to see you pay some attention to about school finance. One of those is each year we're getting away from the 45 percent spending level. Each year the Governor is supposed to introduce legislation telling us how to close that gap. We've not had that legislation introduced yet. School finance review can enter the contract with Augenblick, VanDeWater & Myers to do a review of school finance. They made a number of recommendations. We haven't paid much attention to those recommendations. Those include things like dealing with the efficiency issue, dealing with the income tax rebate, needs associated with size, the tier situation, we haven't dealt with that yet and the rebate itself. Some place on here on the back sheet here, components of state aid, you'll notice that the equalization number was a sizeable portion, a vast majority of the money distributed in state aid. Each year that goes down. Those of you that have school districts that are not wealthy in terms of income are going to be penalized by more and more money that goes into the income tax rebate. Those are all issues that need to be dealt with. As far as how I want to approach LB 613, I do not think...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...I want my amendment adopted. Just as I indicated I don't know as it is necessarily the best policy alternative to simply go in and say that we're going to arbitrarily reduce both ends of the budget limitation by 1 percent and claim that we've done something that is good policy. I'm not so sure leaving it where it is is good policy either, so I'm prepared to vote to advance this bill to Select File in this form and will probably be using my energies on this bill hopefully with Senator McKenzie's involvement and Senator Bohlke and Senator Bernard-Stevens and others, may be looking more at the exemption area than at the percent level. So with that said, let me withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: Madam President, Senators Coordsen and Maurstad had an amendment printed. Senator, AM1849. I have a note on that that