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number of people living there with children, with fairly high income, fairly high income situations, where they pay a limited amount of property tax, and...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...as the formula works that district may receive a significant amount of state aid, they may be an equalization district. And I think what we're getting at here is in determining, in really determining the ability of that local area to support their schools we put income into the mix. Now whether the formula suggested by Senator Robak's bill is the proper... is the proper level at which that should be considered or not I don't know yet, I don't know yet. And if there are better ideas about how to structure that, I'd be more than willing to sit down and visit with people or hear those suggestions. But I know this, that I believe her idea and suggestion, that we put income into the mix to determine the ability of that local district to support education, is a sound principle and one that we need to pursue. Whether it's pursued...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Time

SENATOR BROMM: ...for its end on 349 or 1050, we need to pursue it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Coordsen, members of the Legislature, obviously there should be great discussion on the factors that go into a formula that weighs so heavily with all our constituents. And I appreciate the discussion that is ensuing from this particular bill, although I cannot support this particular bill. Most things that needed to be said I think have been said. I just wanted to mention two items that should also be considered. State aid itself, this enormous fund that we've set up, it has several components. One of the components is the income tax rebate. Okay? So there's income there that's part of the formula. But we haven't talked about and I think it should be mentioned that the remainder of the fund comes from general appropriations, and those general appropriations are half income tax. So it seems to me that you need to consider that factor also when you're considering how much income tax