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SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Jones, on the Wickersham amendment.

SENATOR JONES: Thank you, Madam President and members. I want to stand and support the Wickersham amendment, because I don't think we should stop at this 83 million, I think we should go with this 26.7 percent because I can see down the road that it's just going to take a lot out of my district, clear across it, because I've talked to some of them up there. Right now they got their real estate taxes increased at least 40 or to 50 percent, and I think that if we pass something like this it will really make them irate. And I'm sure that we'll get our petitions passed if we pass this, because they'll come right back and do something then, and then we will be in a bind. But I just cannot see us tinkering with 1059 right now because it don't matter what we do, I think we're going to lose in the long run if we mess with it now. And I want to...I'm just concerned about what might come out of the Revenue Committee yet. I think we should hold up on this 1059...or this 1055 or 1050, I guess this bill is, until we get something out of there and find out where we're at. But I think if you mess with it at all we're going to be losers on it. So I just want to support Wickersham's amendment right now and go from there and see what happens. I'd like to yield the rest of my time to Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wickersham, you have about three and a half minutes.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: All right. Thank you, Senator Jones. And I don't see Senator Bohlke on the floor, but if she's here.... Oh, I'm sorry. Senator Bohlke. Senator Bohlke, I'd like to ask you a question. My understanding was the \$83 million, can you again describe for us what that...how you arrived at that dollar amount?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Bohlke, will you yield for a...yield?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes. Senator Wickersham, if in LB 1050 we freeze the income tax rebate at \$83.3 million, and we are returning that income tax that's been growing above that into the equalization pot, right?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, Senator Bohlke, there was some