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adjustments or do further legislating with regard to the plan. We also will have by December 1 of '96, thanks to Senator Warner's amendment yesterday, the report of the investment officer of the State Investment Council, State Investment Fund, and we'll have that to work with also. We can look at those reports, and if there is legislation needed I'm sure it will be introduced, probably by the Education Committee, but if not, by individual senators. Now I don't know what any individual senator's motivation is here, I can't read their minds. But I can tell you that my motivation to bring this legislation is not to put hands, is not to put these lands in some private individual's hands for some personal or private individual's advantage. And to even suggest that is so far off base that I hesitate to even have to respond. But I can tell you that we've got a \$2.6 million agency, folks, that are interested in property tax relief and cutting down government, becoming more efficient. We say we're interested in that, huh? We got a \$2.6 million agency that's paying farm managers more than private business is paying their farm managers that are managing this thing. We've got a director whose salary has gone up eleven point some percent the last two years, as far as I can tell. It doesn't have to go through Appropriations, we don't have any control over that. They have their own separate office building out here, which is very nice and spacious. And if you want to compare that to the space we have for our welfare, social service workers, or Department of Revenue, I wish you'd go out and look at it and compare the facilities they have, the cars they drive and then come back here and tell me the motivation is to get this hands, this land in the hands of private individuals. We've got a state agency here we have no control over. They're noted to be very high-handed. You can talk not to me, talk to other people. I tried to work with them on introduction of this bill, had no objections really....

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...they come in and object at the hearing one after the other, the board members, to the sale of the land. They're worried about the school kids. They're not worried about their \$85,000 per year job; they're worried about the school kids. Now we've got counties out here, and mine doesn't happen to be one of them, that are bearing the burden of not having this land pay any tax to the county, no tax to the ESU, no tax to the community college, no tax to the NRD. And if that