

indebtedness and wouldn't be counted anyway. And that's no reflection on Senator Beutler's amendment, because of time and it's difficult to get into speak in this, there are a couple...some of those inaccuracies, as you get information to look at...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Kristensen, because of time, your time has expired at this point. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. President and members, I have not spoken yet on the issue because, as others have indicated, they've struggled with this issue and how we should approach it and at what stage we should approach doing something, it's been very difficult. I wanted to hear some of the debate and some of the reasoning of the Revenue Committee. Certainly we have people on the Revenue Committee who also sit on the Education Committee. I've talked with Senator Beutler and Senator Bernard-Stevens and other members of the Education Committee about the impact of this and at what point do we frame the argument for the people that we need to do something in reaction to what the possible outcome may be. I say that I have decided LB 1114 is a great reality check. As we go back home and visit with people and certainly the example, other people have given examples, but in the newspaper you've heard the example of the high levy in Hastings and Hastings Public Schools, that's \$1.57 without bonded indebtedness, that's \$1.57 and we're talking \$1.10. So I've had the conversations certainly with the personnel at my .at Hastings schools. But at the same time I believe that in that time frame, in that...before we come back here, I believe ultimately that the people across the state will believe that if we do anything at all, we must protect the quality of education in Nebraska. I think they're proud of the schools in Nebraska. And I think that even though approximately only 20 percent of the people have students enrolled in the schools, that there still is a great...a large number of the population who are very concerned about what happens to Nebraska's schools, not only grandparents, aunts and uncles, but certainly businesses, because when they come to Nebraska and they look at the quality of the schools, the availability of the workforce are two of the things that they look at. And so at this point I've decided that I think that we should let LB 1114 be there, let the people have the reality check, let them say this is what the outcome could be, and then I think that they will come back to us and certain future Legislatures...Senator