

25th, the average using the data that he provided us, 25th state, Oregon and the state of Nebraska is \$1.53,...

SENATOR LINDSAY: Time.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...that's the difference between the situation of the 47th ranking and the 25th ranking. I want to compare the difference between the first and the second... Did you say time or one minute?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Time.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Cease then.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Lindsay, members of the body, I am standing not necessarily to speak about the Wesley amendment but to comment on the exchange that Senator Chambers and Senator Brashear were having a few moments ago regarding the underlying bill itself, and make some comments on that exchange. Senator Chambers, as I remember, asked the question to begin with of Senator Brashear, something along the lines of, are they threatening to leave or, you know, what kind of conditions have they put on the state, and I want to at least get my perspective on that issue because I haven't heard anybody threatening to do anything. What has happened is that the Union Pacific, that we know as a Nebraska-based company, is in the process of merging with Southern Pacific. And from what I read and hear about this is there's a pretty good likelihood that that merger is going to go through. Once they merge, there will be property in St. Louis, there'll be property in Denver, I think there's some property maybe even in San Francisco, and some in Nebraska. And Union Pacific/Southern Pacific is going to have to make a decision about how they reorganize all of these pieces. It's a new puzzle that they're going to have to put together and they're going to have to make the pieces fit. And they're going to have a number of options, quite a number of options. In general, as I understand it, they fall down into two generic categories. There are those who will be arguing in favor of, well, we've got some buildings in Omaha, we've got some buildings in Denver, we've got some buildings in St. Louis, let's go ahead and restructure this and use the existing buildings. And if that happens, there probably won't be a big