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people started to become...they were subject to suit, because you would have a rich district who had property tax values that were very high, they could have a very low levy and not tax property tax very much and spend more money for their students. And you had other school districts who didn't have the property tax values and they couldn't spend. They couldn't raise that money and so they spent less on their students. And you had this huge disparity about opportunities; rich districts versus poor districts; high levies, low spending; some had high levies and high spending. They were all over the board. Why 1059 came into being was we were afraid of being sued and so what that formula was designed to do was to bring people in and try to equalize and put more money in and give it to those school districts who needed the money and so we could try to form people into a more uniform opportunity. The state gave money through equalization for students for education. There wasn't enough money in the pot to do that because there was a whole lot more needs and there was a whole lot more money needed to make the equalization work. So what did we do when 1059 passed? (LB) 1059 was not a property tax bill. (LB) 1059 was all about trying to keep us from being sued in this state and about equalization aid. So we raised the tax rates to help fund this. We put more money into that; we raised the sales tax a cent, we raised the income tax rate, and we got more money put into the system. And what happened with that? Obviously, it was put on the ballot. The state, the citizens of this state accepted that concept. Now, to sell it politically during the time of the referendum to remove that there was the cry of this is property tax relief, this is property tax relief, and when that didn't all happen, when all that money that was raised didn't go and have immediate dollar-for-dollar property tax relief, people jumped to their feet and said, well, this is so flawed it's terrible; it didn't give us property tax relief. That's not the purpose for it. The purpose was opportunities and equalize those, and that has worked. We're one of the few states in this country that's not been sued. Where did property tax relief come about? Property tax relief came about with 1114, when you took...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...the levy limits and you reduced those