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SENATOR BROMM: ...cost grouping they fall into.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes, the calculations are made on a school district by school district basis by the Department of Education and certified to them.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. And hopefully, before Select File, we can detail those spending limitations for you and have a sheet in front of us that at least lets us look at that and realize that there are some other parameters of what our schools can do. Let me say that, in a way, I feel somewhat personally responsible for the mess that we're in. We were hearing, in this Legislature, complaints from school districts about the lack of time to make decisions when they would get the certification for state aid and personnel decisions that they would have to make. Myself and a couple of other senators introduced a bill which would have moved the notification date for employees from April 15th to May 15th, to give schools at least a month and a half before they would...so they would know their state aid certification before making personnel decisions. At that point, a bill moved through this Legislature with the speed of light which changed the certification date back to December 1. So we no longer felt any need to change the personnel notification date. I'm not sure why we went as far back as December 1, but it was pretty hard to argue with at the time in terms of giving schools an opportunity to plan. And hindsight is always wonderful, but I think we precipitated something there that in hindsight we certainly would have hoped to have done differently. Be that as it may, it's time to make a change. I'm not 100 percent comfortable. I don't understand 149, wouldn't pretend to, but I'm wanting to advance the bill, because I think we need to do that. I think above all I do agree with the Governor in respect that the thing I hear most from schools is the need for stability, stability in what resources we decide we can furnish to them. If they know...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...the resources are going to be more limited and they have an opportunity to plan for that, many districts will do...they will all do that. But it's the surprise, the late notice, the after the fact "respin", if you will, in this