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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President. I think that we need to have a lot more discussion, especially about the consistency of this particular piece of legislation with proposals for property tax relief. But I'm still back to...I would like to clarify the conversation that I had with Senator Bohlke about the date. My...the point that I was making with Senator Bohlke is not that I don't understand...that I don't understand that the way we got to February 3rd was by delaying the bill. My point was that we are at February 3rd, which is after February 1st, when we are saying that we are going to be able to certify to the school districts and be absolute and have everything firm as we have been unable to do, up until this point, by...on...with this magical February the 1st date. And yet when I ask the question about what the impact is going to be for the "respin" of this current year, when we supposedly have the data, supposedly should be able to say...I mean we're talking about knowing that needs went down, we should be able to tell what the resource number and we...and figure out what the impact is, we still can't...nobody can tell us what the impact is. How can we talk on this floor about stability when...and predictability when we can't even do it for some...for a school year that we're already in? And we're talking about making changes that are supposed to cure this, and I certainly hope that it does, the situation for the future, but I'm just looking at the date, February 3rd, and we're changing to February 1st so that we won't ever have this problem in the future, and yet we cannot today say what the impact is going to be from this "respin". And so I just really do not see how we are ever going to get any more predictability, any more stability. And I believe that LB 149 is just a totally reactionary piece of legislation that says, you know, we've had...we said the wrong thing to the schools, and so we need to make good on the money. But...but there's no underlying...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...public policy about...about how that we're going to prevent this from happening. And there's no...there's nothing about LB 149 that guarantees any more stability as to