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and have a concept of what it means to vary from it in X dollar amount or Y dollar amount or X and Y dollar amount, and by that means have in your mind a clear idea of when the budget is getting out of control. So establishing this overall picture, this big picture, has got to be a step one in that process, and I think that's what Senator Brown is trying to do and the committee is trying to do, and I want to talk more later about other possible steps. But the last thing I want to say is I hope you understand the Appropriations Committee is not doing this to trap you or to justify their spending. Although there's an aspect of it that could look like that, that's definitely not the case. This is an attempt to engage the rest of the Legislature in a discussion...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and a dialogue on how to control spending and to be a partner in that process.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Chair recognizes Senator Brown, followed by Senators Coordsen, Wickersham, Matzke, Don Pederson, Kristensen, Wehrbein, Engel, Crosby. Senator Brown. Senator Brown waives off. Senator Coordsen, you're recognized on the committee amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I rise to support the committee amendment but, more importantly, to share with the body my reasoning for introducing the amendment that follows the committee amendment. The amendment that follows the committee amendment is, in essence, 989, which are local government lids that we passed last year. And it is...was drafted in...in statute, in bill form, and I had it redrafted as a resolution to make sure that the other suggestions that are currently being held either by Revenue Committee or Appropriations Committee, that the sponsors of those had the opportunity, should they so desire, to speak to those on the floor of the Legislature. That...and there are...is one by Senator Kristensen and there's also one by Senator Wehrbein, as well as the one that I just mentioned. So that is the extent of my comments on the committee amendments to LR 3. Thank you, Mr. President.