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that. And that, I think, is a straightforward way to do it. It's an appropriations process, and that's the way it's going to show up, as increased spending. And as we get into the...I think the Revenue Committee can well discuss the property tax relief bill that was heard last Friday in their committee, where that fits and how it's going to go, I'll let them talk about that. But, if that was to be an appropriation process, that will also show a blip in property tax relief, if we do what we've done traditionally. Now the proposal is to take it off budget, I will say, but it wouldn't show up as an increase in spending; reality is, it is. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Chair recognizes Senator Kristensen for discussion on the amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Today is the thirty-seventh day of the Legislature. Most people's attentions, obviously, aren't turned to the budget. They will see the beginning work of the Appropriations Committee, heave a sigh of relief that they're not down in committee listening to all the requests for budgets, looking at all the bills on the agenda that we've either looked at this year, that we've done quite well at in terms of processing, reaching compromise, and then they will look at what bills we're going to do the last half of this session. And the natural tendency is to begin to say, well, we'll have to make that decision; I'll put it off. Well, there's a reason that we put it off, there's a reason that you don't do the budget at the very beginning, because you don't know what the priorities are of the state. It takes a while. The Appropriations Committee labors and labors and labors. And you'll have people who say, well, we spent many hours pouring over the budget. Believe me, nobody spends more hours pouring over the budget than the Appropriations Committee. That's their job, and they do that, and they do that rather well. However, I think there's some consideration, and I hope that people take this debate this morning seriously, and that we're spending a couple hours here where we could be doing some other things. But it is part of the process to begin to focus our attention on it. I tend to think there's a flaw of looking only at what we spent last year. It's an easy story to write in the newspaper. It's an easy one.