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that's introduced in this Legislature that coordinates all of the changes and all the policy assumptions that are necessary for me to change that position. I won't do it because somebody had an A bill and wanted to fund a particular project on the floor of the Legislature and somehow they got that passed and somehow the Governor liked that better than he did property tax relief, I'm sorry, she, he or she. I won't do it for that reason. I will change my commitment to reduction of property taxes when the time comes, if it must come, but I will do it in a coordinated fashion and I will do it for the reasons of that moment and that time, not because somebody liked a pet project better than they did reduction of property taxes. That's the risk you take with the Kristensen amendment, always pitting some special project against property tax relief. That's not the way we should do it. We should set property tax relief as a priority, keep it there, maintain it there and then, if we must, change it, but not change it because we just feel like doing something else on some day. I hope that the discussion on the amendment to the amendment that I'm proposing will focus us on that real issue--what is our commitment and our continuing commitment to reduction in reliance on property taxes in this state.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. We have a number of lights on. The order is Brown, Wehrbein, Bohlke, Wickersham, Beutler, Vrtiska, Kristensen, Bromm, and Janssen. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise in support of the Kristensen amendment and the Wickersham amendment, but I will speak mostly to the Kristensen amendment. I believe the Kristensen amendment does what needs to be done. I have spoken a great deal on this bill, and...and it's sometimes not been easy. Questioning those things that seem to be a done deal is not ever easy. But I believe that our role as policymakers is to be very thoughtful about what we do, even sometimes when it seems to be already done. And I would say about the Kristensen amendment that you need to understand that what it does is exactly what 149 is doing--recertifying the amount of state aid at a time different than what we had put in place prior. And it just allows us to address the circumstances that are different than what we...they may be right now or what