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right, but I'm trying to put together what I think is the proper way to do this and still leave some stability in what the schools can expect. All of us know that there's been a great deal of instability in the funding for schools. I think Senator Bohlke mentioned the fact that the way this...the way this plays out some of the schools are not going to know what their income is going to be. If we, in fact, follow through, whether they, in fact, need to reduce their staffs or they need to do some things to reduce spending, and I'd be the first to agree that we need to have efficiency in government at all levels, not only schools but in other levels of government. We need to look at some of the other areas of spending. I'm just a little bit uncomfortable to think that when we have difficult times that we have to say, well, schools, you got to be more efficient, and there's...there's nothing wrong with that. But we're not saying to anybody else, you, too, have got to be some more...use some efficiency in order...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...to cut your amount of spending. So I'm not sure where I'm at on this yet except that I do have a real problem in thinking that we're going to, in fact, say that if we have tough times, the first ones who are going to make the cuts are going to be in the schools' budgets and they are going to have to go out and figure out how if they're as efficient as they can get, then they're still going to have to go out and figure out how they're going to raise the money to provide the education as I think we, as a state, are obligated to provide for these young people in order to do what I think what is right and proper. With that, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chairman, thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Business and Labor will conduct an Executive Session at ten o'clock in Room 2102.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you. On the Wickersham amendment, Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I usually don't comment on these sorts of things. I think that's unfortunate