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schools have made cuts, let me tell you they've made...they've made some painful cuts. Maybe not all of them but I know the schools in my district have. They've cut back on teachers. They've cut back on programs. Maybe some of them weren't all that worthwhile. I think they were. And when you offer a course every other year in a school with, say, 300 students in it, it's not...it's not good. Children, we've made it possible for kids to move, parents to move their children from one school to the other. It hurt some schools. It hurts the ones they are moving into too. So when you talk about, we've asked schools to consolidate, which they've done; reorganize, what they've done. What all they really ask for is some predictability, some funding predictability so they know where they're going to be. I think we have to...we have to take a good hard look at what we're doing now, after all I think we've made some giant steps forward in education, and I'd hate to see us renege, reconsider and go back on what I think we've accomplished in the last...in the last few years. I've supported school bills. I supported 806. I supported 1114 because I thought it was the right thing to do and I...I, personally, believe that when we get down to a dollar, when we get down to a dollar in next year, it's going to be tougher on some of these other...some of the schools that I mentioned that are doubling up on classes now.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: They're riffing teachers. How much more can we ask them to do? I don't know what the rest of you think, but that's the way I feel. I haven't decided whether I'm going to vote for Senator Wickersham's amendment or not. I believe we have to have a safety valve there, but I definitely will not vote for Senator Kristensen's amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Schellpeper, on the Wickersham amendment.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. LB 149 in its original form is a good, I think, proposal and needs to be passed in that form without either amendment. The real thrust behind the Kristensen amendment is Governor Johanna's property tax plan. You know, you can talk about anything you want but that's the real thrust behind the Kristensen amendment.