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put that levy down there to \$1.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: We're headed in the right direction, people. We need to just keep that same course. We started it, let's not jump off the ship today. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. On the Wickersham amendment, Senator Coordsen, followed by Suttle, Wehrbein, Brashear, Stuhr, Bohlke, Raikes, Beutler, Baker. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: And you've almost ran out of lights, Mr. President. The last time the state of Nebraska had a reduction in tax revenues was, I believe, 1936, and that was a time, for you historians, when the state of Nebraska was still being supported entirely by property tax levies, and the Great Depression was upon the land and people did not have the money to pay the property taxes that were due on their houses and businesses and farms and those sorts of things, but neither did the financial institutions have the money to loan out. Most of those were in receivership with their doors closed. In the 60-plus years that have come about since that time, the worst, the worst, the worst revenues of the state of Nebraska have ever been is a reduction from an increase over the previous collections, a reduction of an increase over the previous collections. The administration, with the Kristensen amendment, seems to be talking about Armageddon, that the end of the world, as we know it, is at hand. And if we look at that proposition, if there is an Armageddon, if the world, as we know it, is going to end, where will that come from. The only indicators on the economic map that even exist today are those tremors that exist in production agriculture in the grain and livestock sectors. I see no...anybody predicting any signs of economic downturn anywhere else. So then it'd have to lead one to conclude that what the administration is proposing here in the Kristensen amendment is the solution to the potential of a depression, a reduced income in agriculture, is to create a system under which those people are going to be impacted the greatest by the solution because that is the segment of our economy that is impacted in the most negative fashion by the collection of