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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to close on your amendment to the Kristensen amendment to LB 149.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. I don't know how to suggest to you that you need to vote for this amendment but you do because, as I said before, I don't like this amendment. I don't like what I'm proposing to you. I don't like what Senator Kristensen is proposing to you, but if we're going to be honest, we need, as I've indicated, to recognize the implications of the Kristensen amendment, and that's what this one does, and that's the reason I don't like it, and that's the reason I want you to support it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. The question before us is the Wickersham amendment. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Wickersham's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is adopted. For further discussion on the Kristensen amendment, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I'm glad the Wickersham amendment is on. I just wanted to say my discussion this morning, and I don't know about the rest of you, but my discussion this morning isn't necessarily predicated on a disaster coming. It seems prudent to me that we ought to keep our flexibility. Nothing that we're doing today, as I would understand it, is going to change the future if the will of this body is what it is today. It simply gives some more flexibility, and if there is to be pain in the future, it ensures that it's going to be somewhat shared. It seems to me, as a matter of perhaps principle, that if we are going to get into some tough times, those dependent on the property tax, wherever they may be, ought to be brought in, if you will, to some degree. The way I understand the formula, and I stand to be corrected, but at least they...when a submission for request for aid is given, it's need minus income, I can't remember the term, and then equal what the state aid formula is. Now I