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I heard the reference to the word "stability", the schools need stability. Well, I think our entire state government needs stability and serving on the Appropriations Committee gives you an insight into how this really works, and we have approximately 90 state agencies, every one of which is looking for stability. So if you...Senator Stuhr had mentioned if we don't do something now and do 149 without this amendment, we have a problem; what are teachers...what are we going to do about the numbers of teachers, the rifting, the salaries. That's true of virtually every agency that we deal with. And every one of them, what, we talk about the court system, we talk about the university system, we talk about the community college system, every one of them is looking for the same thing, they are all looking for stability, and that's what we would like them to have. I think that we need to strongly consider the Kristensen amendment. I'm going to vote in favor of that amendment because it gives us the versatility to be able to examine the circumstances at the time that we find that we do have an emergent situation. I think we can do some of the safeguards, such as adding to some of our reserves and things of that nature so that we don't invoke these things in a chronic situation as distinguished from a long-term situation. If we have a long-term situation, we're going to have to examine everything that we do, but in a chronic situation we ought to have the ability to finance those concerns, either through the cash reserves or some other method. And I think this is only something that will give us the opportunity to respond to long-term emergent situation. So, with that, I'm announcing that I'm going to support Senator Kristensen's amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Brown, followed by Senator Wickersham, Coordsen, Suttle, Vrtiska, Hartnett, Kristensen, Bromm, and Beutler. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question before us is to cease debate. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.