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other elderly people, who as we can probably all identify in our neighborhoods, who through a unique set of circumstances are now taking care of their own grandchildren. They've raised their families and they are assuming additional responsibilities for grandchildren, which takes additional income out of their limited income as best it is. They are taking responsibility beyond what would be expected of them. These are the folks, again, that I'm seeking to assist in giving some property tax relief. I view LB 179 in its original form and with what the committee is doing with the committee amendment as direct property tax relief, direct property tax relief to those most in need of it, to the elderly among us, to the veterans, and to the disabled, those folks, who I think, as a group, as a society, we certainly can help to make life a little better for, particularly these people who have already made a contribution and made sacrifices to make life a little better for all of us and to create a society that is free and safe and has many more opportunities than what they were ever afforded. I would encourage support of the bill. I would encourage support of the committee amendment. The amendment that Senator Wickersham will discuss is a composite of several other bills. I won't go into the details of what each of those do but it has the essential component, not to the degree that I introduced it in 179, but it increases the income eligibility allowances which I fully support. The other components I also support. The committee amendment, I think, in the breadth that it brings to the bill, is an enhancement. It would help more people and provide additional assistance to those people that I'm most concerned about in trying to help with LB 179. With that, I appreciate the support. I appreciate your attention in listening and would welcome seeing the bill pass yet this morning. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Thank you, Senator Preister. Before I proceed, Senator Ed Schrock would like to announce the following guest is visiting the Legislature. Known to many of you, former colleague, former state Senator Howard Lamb. He is seated under the north balcony. Senator Lamb, welcome this morning. On the committee amendments to LB 179, Senator Wickersham.

**SENATOR WICKERSHAM:** Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, and LB 179, as Senator Preister indicated, has provisions of a couple of bills in it. I think in total 11 bills were