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point in this session and hopefully in all future sessions where we don't rely upon the Governor to cut excessive spending, but we figure out a way to do it ourselves, and one way that we can do it ourselves is to winnow...is to get the budget in some kind of logical size by the time we get to Final Reading or before, because it becomes an unmanageable mess if it's all there on Final Reading and it's excessive. We don't...we haven't historically dealt with that very well at all. And so here is a great opportunity to cut down on spending, perhaps save a little money in the reserve, which is inadequate right now...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and at the same time have granted \$3.5 million of homestead exemption. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. For discussion on part two of the divided committee amendments to LB 179, Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I don't know what the figure will be because the estimate of the committee amendment would include all of the parts of the whole and the parts that we have not voted on yet also have a cost to them. But if they're not adopted, they reduce the cost of what we have just adopted, i.e., the 4,500 to 5,500 dollar income eligibility. Well, step back just a second to what we just did and I will tell you that we passed a bill that I think everyone...or passed a portion of the amendment that everyone understands in that it increased the bottom line eligibility for 100 percent of the taxes due on your home based upon the valuation of the home, eligibility and that sort of thing, by \$4,500. So we increased a larger pool of people who are eligible for a 100 percent homestead exemption payment. The increase on the upper end, the \$5,500, didn't bring as many people into the fold because you'll find breaks in income for elderly folks drop off pretty quickly when you get passed the household income, and I'm speaking now of the two-income household. It's different for single. So we have brought more people up to 100 percent eligibility and we have not added quite as many dollars' worth of people on at the other end of the eligibility for 25 percent. Now, the...get to this particular