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be opened up, and I would ask for your adoption of the second part of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Peterson. For further discussion, Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the body, I want to follow-up what Senator Peterson has talked, and I think we have a lot of bills, I think Senator Wickersham talked about, a lot of bills that we looked at in the context of dealing with the homestead exemption. And if I had my way, if I had five votes (laugh), which I didn't have, I would have expanded a little further to deal with the mental people that...and I think it...I...mental people that are in...to try to keep them in their homes. But this only deals with the physical. But I think it's not a property tax relief. I think we are moving with this to a social program. We're helping people stay in their homes more as they have...have both physical and mental ailments. But I think it's a good discussion but I think we want to...I think one of the goals of our state should be to try to keep as many people possible living and staying in their homes rather than go to nursing homes and so forth. So maybe that...we have to look at the expense of this measure in that light. So I simply support the rest of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized for further discussion on the committee amendments.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members, I'm going to oppose this amendment, but I do have some sympathy for the locomotion issue. I was going to ask Senator Wickersham a question, if he may...if he would.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham, would you yield?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yeah.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Wickersham, the way I understand this amendment, now I haven't completely gotten it digested, but if...this does include the raising of the valuation of the