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we have had to examine the issue carefully and to discuss it in a setting that is a little bit more free than what you see here on the floor. If we give you bad advice as committees, then we should be chastised for that. But we should not be chastised simply for giving you advice, because we're asked to do that. Now, we are used to people coming to us all of the time and saying I want, I want, I want and you should give. Well, okay, I know that you want, and I know that you think I should give but, when you try to tell me about why you want and why I should give, then I get interested. I know you want something and I know you think I should give you something, but it always seems to get a little bit harder when you have to tell me why. Now, what do I want? What do I want? From the perspective of the tax system of this state I want property tax relief because, in part, my constituents, your constituents, the citizens of this state have said they want property tax relief. We have been attempting, for four years, to develop a process, a system that is balanced and reasonable and effective to do that for them, not for me, for them. In my estimation we have made considerable strides in that direction. Is there any potential that we can do more? Certainly. But what kind of property tax relief do I want to give them, and how do I want to give it to them? I hope that what I want is what they also want, and that is a system that is balanced, is equitable,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...and that continues to provide for essential services. I want a sales tax system that is fair and rational and that can be applied without discrimination amongst the types of transactions that it applies to, and that recognizes change in our economy. I want an income tax system that is progressive and flatly based on your ability to pay, because that offsets the regressivity of our sales tax system and, in part, our property tax system. So that overall in consideration of the major taxes that we have in this state, that we have as least a regressive system as we can possibly have, that we do take into account people's ability to pay taxes and to support the essential services that are necessary for this to be a good and prosperous state, and a good place for us to live and a good place for others to live. Now,...