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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, it looks like maybe community colleges are one of our big issues today based, is that accurate, and based on Revenue Committee? I'm trying to bring out what the Revenue Committee's...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay. Community col...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...discussion was so the rest of us do have a better understanding of what our implied obligation is.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well...well, Senator, I don't...I think it...I wouldn't suggest that we have an implied obligation. We always have an obligation to determine what the needs of political subdivisions that we fund in part with state dollars are and to make an evaluation of their needs and see if they could be met. Community colleges would suffer the largest revenue loss, as a specific political subdivision, from the implementation of (LR) 45CA.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, thank...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: NRDs are probably next, ESUs next, and then it's very difficult to tell what fire districts would lose.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Further discussion on the committee amendments to LB 142, Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Actually, Mr. President, I don't have anything to add. Our great leader of the Revenue Committee did such a good job of explaining the committee amendments that there's nothing more in detail I could add other than reinforce the philosophy, which was trying to comply with the language of the constitution, holding the schools harmless and adding, as Senator Wickersham said, the extra percentage to the counties because of the number of local units of government that were brought under the county levy limit umbrella who had been getting a little money also from...from the vehicle tax in