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previous years. So that...it's an up front, it's simple to understand, I know I can read on my machine the number of amendments, as our Chair indicated, many of which we simply cannot do, some of which are appropriate targets for conversation throughout the morning. But I would encourage serious consideration of the committee amendments because these suggestions were not arrived at haphazardly. We spent a rather significant amount of time. The Chairman mentioned not having a printout, but we did have a division of the current motor vehicle tax situation and what the percentages were that each of the units of government, who, in this year, are sharing in the motor vehicle tax, were getting, and that was part of our discussion as we arrived at the language and the percentages that became the committee amendment. So I would urge your careful consideration and hopefully support the committee amendments as I will. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Kristensen, for discussion on the committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Wickersham has certainly outlined 142. (LB) 142 is going to change the face of every formula that we have out here, as you're going to see the impact of the state aid formula certainly will have some variations, but that's not what this bill is about. This bill's about carrying out the mandate of the constitution and what the voters approved. Senator Wickersham...and I'm going to try to use my five minutes and, if I have to, I'll come back. Originally, and I'd ask Senator Coordsen but I don't know that he remembers, originally what we did, we were trying to find other revenue sources when levy limits were put in. And to do that one of the things were how could we help counties and cities who were facing these levy limits. Because they had probably the widest range of impacts of levy limits, we were looking for additional revenues to prop them up to help them live with levy limits. And I remember that day in committee. All of a sudden somebody read the constitution and said, hold it, this isn't going to work, here's this prohibition in the constitution, and that's what spawned the change to move away. We originally had one version at one point in time that took this money, the additional money that was raised, and would move it through the equalization formulas,