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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...we're going to ask, and I think Senator Wehrbein, I do see him here right now, Senator Wehrbein, we've had some discussions with the Appropriations Committee, instead of just putting this into an A bill, having the Appropriations Committee look at that. If you do have some time, I see you've got your light on. I'd like to address that a little bit with you. That's one other mechanism, is to put it into the base and take that money away in some other areas or find some other funds that are available. Because there's cities and counties are going to be getting some money from this, in some cases more than they might have in the past, in other cases they won't be getting as much perhaps, but I would like to at least have that discussion, Senator Wehrbein, before we move too much further on this bill. And I know that my time's up. I would yield any remaining back to the Chair.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For further discussion on the committee amendments to LB 142, Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body. Even though I am bringing an amendment for your consideration later in the debate, I want you to know that I fully support the committee amendments. I think this is the best state policy that we can do given the parameters of the constitutional amendment that the voters approved. And so I think and I would urge you to support this committee amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Further discussion? Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body. I, too, want to continue the discussion and I will say right at this point, the Appropriations Committee hasn't had this discussion per se. We are due to start those this afternoon on these issues, particularly the larger money amounts, and the \$4.5 million to community colleges is one of those. I will tell you that I had hoped that we would be able to absorb this from some of the other money that is going here to cities and villages and counties, and it looks like to me, and I'm going to say it just to get the discussion really going, Senator Wickersham, it looks like that you can say the counties and