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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...because that formula does tend to be equalizing. And, while we tend to have focused most of our attention on equalizing formulas, in the context of the school aid formula, there was clearly sentiment in the sentiment in the Revenue Committee at that time, and I think there continues to be sentiment in the Revenue Committee, for creating equalization principles in our other aid formulas. And, quite frankly, that's one of the...one of the issues that we need to address, for example, in the context of NRDs. As I've indicated, one of their existing aid programs is distributed on the basis of who levies the most and that doesn't seem to me to be an appropriate basis for allocating state aid.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Wickersham, your light is the last on. Would like to be recognized to close on the committee amendments?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yeah.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: You are so recognized.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. The...I think that we are starting to get at the issues here and, as I've indicated, the constitutional amendment itself, the bill as introduced, and the committee amendments are really just the surface of this issue. And it's interesting, hear Senator Wehrbein saying that the Appropriations Committee wants to begin examining the aid formulas or the General Fund dollars that we distribute to counties and municipalities to see if changes cannot be made there to find General Fund dollars to mitigate impacts on community colleges, perhaps NRDs and perhaps ESUs, because those have existing formulas. I think that the committee is going to find that they have a somewhat difficult task because there are a variety of funds that are used to distribute dollars to the various political subdivisions. And whether...and I'll be happy to have Revenue Committee staff work with them, but Senator Wehrbein was beginning to point to what is a very real issue in that if you remove state dollars from some counties in particular and in some municipalities,