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I did not vote for LB 1059 way back in '89 and '90 because I thought that was the beginning down a road that we should not be going. We're getting to the point where the state gives so much money to the local school districts that pretty soon...and we're hearing it already from the Department of Education. You see, that's the other thing. Now the Department of Education's going to be doing this formula. I just react negatively to that. So those are my reasons and I thought you might like a little history lesson this afternoon to lighten things up and I will vote against overriding. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Thank you, Senator Crosby. For further discussion on the motion to override LB...the veto on LB 149, Senator Brown.

**SENATOR BROWN:** Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the override, but I dearly regret that I'm doing it and I dearly regret that we have ceded to the executive branch our responsibility to protect our legislative process and our legislative integrity. The Governor seems more worried about our appropriate roles than we are. In light of 149 and in light of this morning's discussion on (LB) 142, perhaps we should just establish formulas and put all of our appropriating on autopilot. We seem to think that formulas are great for state aid and that it may be necessary to do the same thing for community colleges and...that we've done here, and maybe we can do it for all of our spending. We'd have a shorter session. We would only need to vote on new additional spending that...the new A bills that we have and we wouldn't have to spend so much time worrying about what's in and what's out. We'd just have a formula for everything that's in. We are abdicating, in LB 149, our right and responsibility to deal with appropriating, and the great majority of this body seems to think that that's a good idea and have aligned themselves with spenders who say, don't worry about the consequences, spend whatever seems to have any merit and somehow it will all work out. And there are others who believe that that spending has to fit into a pattern and it has to be part of priorities. And I hope that this is not the first step to just saying whatever will be will be. The chickens will come home to roost from this legislation both fiscally but, more importantly I believe, in the public's perception of whether we are doing our job and defending our