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totally unworkable. As Senator Wickersham pointed out, what we need to do is to lay out the basic ideas on which we want to operate and then get on with it. Let's put it out there, let's start people down this path and make the adjustments that we need to make as we go. There has been concern that, well, once we pass a bill here, we can't make any changes. Well, again, clearly I think that's unfounded. This would be sort of a base statute that would...that lay out out basic policy and certainly it would not preclude specific statutes dealing with specific situations at a later time. Finally, I would mention I think the main factor here is that people will feel a sense of if we delay yet another year, we would take the pressure off, and probably that's true. On the other hand, given human nature, at least mine, it would also probably slow down the work effort. So my preference, again, is to vote...not support the Kristensen amendment. Let's get on with the task that the voters assigned us. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Madam President, members of the body, first of all I'd like to compliment Senator Wickersham and the efforts that have been made on the underlying amendment. I think that they go a long ways towards resolving many of the problems that were presented. I do think, however, that this can be a better law by following the amendment that Senator Kristensen has proposed, and that's for a number of reasons. In the first place, I do not think that...that this in any way jeopardizes our keeping faith with the public. I think the public wants us to do it right. I think it wants the local county officials to know that they are implementing it appropriately and I think, as Senator Wickersham had said, this bill, when it's finally adopted, won't be in force until September, and that's a very short period of time for the assessors and the other people who are county officials to put this act together. And I think also, by the amendment that Senator Wickersham is proposing at this time, we can see that this is still a work in progress, and I think that...I think it's appropriate for us to work through the resolution of these problems but then to give our county officials appropriate time, and also the governmental subdivisions, appropriate time to