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only be 1 percent to lineal descendants and nothing to surviving spouses. So I think you have to put this in the proper context. I don't think it pays for us to get emotional and rail at the federal estate tax here,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...because this is not the Congress of the United States. What we're talking about is a very, very small amount. And in larger estates what you're going to take away from the counties, you're going to give exactly the same amount of money to the federal government. So I really see very little merit in this bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Matzke. Senator Wehrbein, on the Hartnett amendment to the committee amendments. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I, too, am listening carefully, and I especially enjoy what Senator Matzke said. I would like to ask Senator Bromm a question, please, if he will, about...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Bromm, this is on the amendment that you withdrew. I may have missed what you said as to why you decided not to do the amendment with the study and with...I understood there would be a study in this, which I support, in this case, Senator Hartnett's amendment, but is there a study a part of this now, or what?

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you for the question, Senator Wehrbein. I don't think I clearly explained that. The amendment was prepared with the idea that the Department of Revenue would really do the report. And when Senator Hartnett and I talked with them, they indicated that they felt this would take some additional staff. And I...I felt very strongly that that should be unnecessary, that if we were to take a...get a sampling of ten of the larger counties and ten of the smaller counties, that we could get a fairly good handle on what the impact of the amendment...of the bill is, and that we could assemble that