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some equalization formula. Again, I would argue that that's separate business. This is a conservative budget that's been put...that's been put together by the Appropriations Committee, and it's a conservative budget that's been approved by you so far, and this conservative budget was able to return that \$1.6 million to the NRDs. And so I see no reason not to do that. There's been some suggestion that maybe that's not constitutional, but I don't have any doubt in my mind but that the way it was done was unrelated to the motor vehicle tax, de facto, and would not have any problem, whatsoever, in a constitutional sense. So I don't think that's the problem. And Senator Stuhr made a really fine point, I think,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...about the expanding demands on the NRDs. And those demands are not met as easily if those board members think they have to take it out of property taxes. They are more willing to do, what in my opinion, is the right long-term action and the right long-term thinking if they are not having to face the local property tax person quite as much, if they have state funds there to use, and that's part of the reason that in former times we gave them part of that motor vehicle tax money. So now we're taking it away and making their problem more complicated by having to go back to the property taxpayer and try to squeeze the money out of the property taxpayer for these new programs that the federal government and others are requiring of them. They are trying to do a fine job, but they face a lot of pressure, and if we adopt the Wickersham amendment, we're simply creating more pressure for them...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...in an unnecessary context.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was having such a fine discussion with Senator Tyson, I hate to do what I must do, but this came to me when he made his statements. So I'm not going to elaborate on it, but when he