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Legislature. I rise to oppose the Quandahl amendment. I appreciate the discussion that is going on, and I think one of the values that may come from it is the difficulties that...or, discussion of the difficulties that come about when assessment practices get out of whack. And I certainly appreciate that aspect of the discussion. The intent of this, it seems to me, is to cause property tax revenues from a given base, regardless of valuation changes, to remain constant, except for budget increases. Now, I mention that because, in a way, that is redundant of what is now in the law. That is very consistent with the intent that we currently have with the combination of levy lids and budget lids. I would mention that simply restating it is...causes difficulties, for the following reasons. One of them, I notice that the word "proportional" is in the amendment. For example, if you had property taxes...or, excuse me, valuations increase, you reduce levy limits, what if you also had a reduction in state aid? Would that mean then that you would not be able to make up the loss in state aid? I think it would. The same is true of motor vehicle receipts. Keep in mind that there are a number of sources besides property taxes that local governments use to fund services. When you begin to take into account some of these other sources, the difficulties arise. In fact, if you had a valuation increased, a proportional reduction in the levy, then if motor vehicles taxes, for example, or motor vehicle receipts increased, you would be prohibited from dropping property taxes askings as much as you might. So there are these kinds of difficulties that you get into. Another one I'll quickly mention is that we're separating what may be done by the local county assessor as compared to the TERC board. There may be a reason for doing that, but I think you need to be very, very careful with it. So I appreciate the discussion about the difficulties with assessment practices, but I would oppose this amendment because I don't think it's a good thing to put into law. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Quandahl.

SENATOR QUANDAH: Thank you, Mr. President. I would say that Senator Kiel's office actually was in contact with the County Assessor of Douglas County earlier today, and also talked with, I believe, some members of the County Board. And the Douglas