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one year schools are allowed...or would be allowed to allocate motor vehicle receipts to the General Fund, Bond Fund and Building Fund in the same proportion as they did last year. It is meant only as a transition. After that one year, all motor vehicle receipts would be allocated to the General Fund. Again, it's simply meant to smooth out the transition process from the old system to the system that will be the new world once we get past this next year. Nonequalized schools would not be affected in the sense that state aid would not be impacted. There may be some changes from the General Fund levy to the bond levy and so on, but otherwise they would not be affected. And also other subdivisions, other than schools, would not be affected. This pertains only to school districts. So I hope that gives you an idea of what the issue is and what is being proposed to address it. I would be happy to address any questions you might have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Raikes. For discussion on the Raikes amendment to LB 142, Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, I support Senator Raikes' amendment. He's characterizing it as a transition, and I...that is a completely accurate description. I've...if this was anything other than a one-year proposal, frankly, I could not support it because of a policy that I think members of the Revenue Committee have adopted for their use and thinking, and that is that we would not recommend to you that we use state dollars or state revenue streams, and I think now because of...due to changes in the motor vehicle tax, that really amounts to that, because we control the amount, we control the distribution completely, that we have no desire to use those kinds of revenue sources to support locally-voted tax increases. If people vote to pay taxes locally, they should pay them locally. We will not use state resources to pay locally-voted tax increases. And that, if we didn't adopt the kind of policy that we have in LB 142 of devoting all the money to the General Fund, that is, in effect, what we would be doing. So I think it's appropriate to allow a one-year transition, and on that basis, would support Senator Raikes' amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Crosby would like to recognize Dr. Timothy Zimmerman of Lincoln