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LB 881

on AM1850 to the committee amendments of LB 881, Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: On the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler, on the Wickersham amendment? Senator Quandahl, on the Wickersham amendment? Senator Kristensen. Senator Schimek. Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to close. Question is the adoption of AM1850 to the committee amendments to LB 881. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Wickersham's amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is agreed to.

CLERK: Senator Kristensen would move to amend the committee amendments. (AM1804, Legislative Journal page 2159.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kristensen, you're recognized to open on AM1804.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This amendment is the one that Senator Wickersham did tell you that I was going to put up. I do not intend to take this to a vote, however, the concepts are important and I'm going to leave the amendment for just a little bit because it focuses on one particular area. The first year of the plan is going to be infusion of money into the community college system. When levy limits came into place, they had a variety of different levy restrictions for community colleges. Community colleges were severely penalized and had a very, very difficult, almost an impossible levy to meet. They stood up and said, fine, we'll take that, but we need to go to work. They were the first group who, I believe over the summer that year, came back in with their presidents and acknowledged saying, look, we do have some things we can do. And the community colleges were the first ones to come back with the Revenue Committee and say, we're willing to take levy hits, and we're...and these are real and true levy restrictions that we cannot meet without some assistance. And so there also was then a change in the formula,