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you wonder why the community colleges are apprehensive about this, and I understand that, because people seem to remember best only when their taxes go up. I could go down...there are a number of counties here that I could show had significant property tax relief. But Senator Kristensen, I turned and asked him the question about not having this show up for the community colleges I thought probably would be...this is more of a discussion point. And I said, wouldn't it be better to just include a note, an explanation or something in the tax form rather than not have the community colleges actually show up on the tax form? And, Senator Kristensen, did you say that that's in the discussion?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes, it is, although they're still going to show up on the changed form, and you're still going to see the phenomenon that we're talking about. The key is, how do...how do you educate people, or how do you muffle the anger that it's the community colleges' fault? Well, that would be where an additional supplement, you know, statement could be placed in there. For those that...if you're going to look at that comparison, what happened last year to what happened this year, you're still going to see the community colleges take a big jump there. But then, hopefully, you'll read the next page that said, here's the reason why. But I think that's a...it saves the county a hassle from reprogramming from year to year, and I think that's worth some accommodation, and the property tax administrator is cooperative in that area, and the Governor's Office is going to be helpful in trying to get out the word, and I'm comfortable with that.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Well, and that seems to be...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...a plan that I...I think will certainly help the public understand what has happened. There's, you know, there's going to be a great deal of change. In my county, currently, we get a postcard that just shows our taxes, what they're due. So there's going to be a big change. And I think people are going to actually appreciate, when we get to the