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would strike the words "after 2001" and insert "2001, 2002, and 2003". What this amendment would do, let me read what is in the law right...the proposed law now so you'll follow what I'm saying. Starting in line 20, the sentence says the following: "It is the intent of the Legislature to fund the Relief to Property Taxpayers Act for tax years after 2001 using available excess revenue." With that construction, it means this goes as far out into the future as the state of Nebraska will exist unless the Legislature takes an affirmative step to pass a bill to terminate this fund. What my amendment would do is to say that this fund will exist, the Legislature will fund it for the tax years, instead of saying "after 2001", which is indefinite, it gives the three years during which this will be done--"2001, 2002, and 2003". I'd like to ask Senator Kristensen a question, if I may.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kristensen, from what I've heard, even though this that is before us represents a compromise, it's dealing with whose idea...whos- plan could this be called generally?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: I would use the term it's a joint venture between the Revenue Committee and the administration.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And it's based on what? I meant, who came up with the notion that there should be some kind of credit plan or giveback to the property taxpayers?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: I'm not exactly sure of whose genesis that is, but I believe that would be a softening of the desire to give direct checks back, the Revenue Committee probably reluctant to give direct checks back, and, thus, the credit probably was a proposal....I don't know, Senator, whether the chicken or the egg came on that one. My guess is that that was a counterproposal from the Revenue Committee, but Senator Wickersham probably could help you with the genesis of that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Senator Wickersham, if you would