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LB 881

yield, I'll ask you a question or two.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wickersham, the notion that we have embraced by this amendment or contained within this committee amendment would be from what source?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: For the credit proposal?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, it arose during the discussions. Senator Landis was one of those who asked that that idea be discussed. I think Senator Coordsen also had an interest in that idea. As I think Senator Schimek noted, it was an idea that had been tried before in 1980...I believe she said 1989. That was before I was in the Legislature, but I think that's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And who had originally had a bill introduced to talk about giving some direct relief to tax...to property taxpayers?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Jones had a bill of that nature and, of course, LB 881 in a slightly different form.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And it says LB 881 was introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that true?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So we're talking about a proposal that exists primarily because the Governor had a bill dealing with a tax rebate or giveback of some kind to the property taxpayers.