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services, and state takeover of various local services so that we could control the quality and the cost of those services. This simply adds a fifth mechanism for balancing and reduction and reducing or moderating increases in property taxes and I hope that it turns out to be, in the long term, a useful tool. I do think we will have to be careful when we talk to our constituents, however, and advise them that this...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...may not be a sustainable program and that we may not be able to continue the effort at some time in the future. But that does not mean that for the long term we have given up our efforts to moderate increases in property taxes or to reduce overall reliance on property taxes. I think it is simply important to note that there are limitations within the state budget and that we have to be cognizant of those limitations.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 881. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 39 ayes, 3 nays on adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Committee amendments are agreed to.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: For discussion on the advancement of LB 881, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I rise to get the answers to just a couple more questions, Senator Wickersham.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I've tried to listen to the discussion very carefully today and it's not clear to me yet what the average credit is going to be on the property tax statements in the