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one program to another each year and it will be, I believe, a little bit jumbled in the average taxpayer's mind as to what we're really accomplishing here. So I may change my mind, but at this point I'm not very excited about voting for this. I may not. As I said, in 1989, there weren't very many of us who voted against that one either and later we had to come back and make some very hard choices, and I'm afraid that may be what we have to do again this time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. (Visitors introduced.) Further discussion on the advancement of LB 881, Senator Price.

SENATOR PRICE: Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the body, the very few calls that I have had from my constituents have said hold the money, spend the interest as needed but hold on to this money because the economy, except for the challenge of the farmers, the economy is not going to be good in our state forever. One man said, 2.5 percent? You know, that's basically nothing. But I guess this small amount is better than nothing. But I know with a school bond election in Omaha, a forthcoming one in Lincoln, there will be increase on the tax statements and will people notice this small percentage of relief in the property taxes? But it is unwise to ever oppose any perceived property tax plan, so I'm going to go ahead, in faith, even with this minuscule property tax relief, and I hope we're making the right decision, but the taxpayer is going to be after us again and again and again. Because I do not believe they're going to be happy with the plan, which I do feel is going to be adopted today. And, mark my words, they're going to be after us again because it's really hard to please people when they want to see a sizeable property tax reduction but yet they expect all of the services that they desire to have. So I just exercise this and express this word of caution, but, like I said, it's hard to oppose a property tax plan.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Price. Senator Beutler, on the...on LB 881.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't intend to vote for this bill because I think it simply takes too much out of the Reserve Fund. It cuts our Reserve