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LB 881

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Did you say two minutes?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Some would say, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, that two minutes is hardly worth it. (Laughter) Others would say that's way too much time, and that's comparable to what I've heard here today. I've heard people stand up and say, you know, this is going to put us in a financial predicament, it's irresponsible financially, and then others say this is such a piddling amount that it's not worth it. Now the truth has to be somewhere in between and I would suggest that...that it is; that it is a nibble, it is a very small bite in what is perceived to be and probably really has been a very large property tax issue in this state. It is one that we can't ignore. Those who've ignored it I think have disappointed the voters. This is giving it attention, it is keeping it on the front burner. It is not as significant as 1114 process by any means and no one has said that it is, but I think it is...it is a...it is a bite, if you will, out of a larger problem. And, with that, I will support the bill and hope that others will and I'll yield the rest of my two minutes to the good Speaker. Thank you, Senator.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Obviously, LB 881 is not the panacea. When you go to talk to your constituents I...and they talk to you about property tax, and you know that they will, I hope that you will not just sit there and let them beat on you but that you ask them a crucial question, what do you really want to do with property taxes, and they say I want them lowered, I want them reduced. And then you take the second step of that and say, so do I, how do I do that? Did you support reducing state spending? Yes, I did support reduced state spending. Well, if we're not going to increase state spending to reduce property tax, how else should that be done? And they're going to say, spend less, and you say, that's right. And then you say don't