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out of committee, we're going, I'm going to make it my priority bill. Somebody says to me, well, you ought to talk to so-and-so. (Laughter) I went over and talked to so-and-so and they said, Senator, you ought to have an amendment to make it do exactly what you want. And the amendment is what I'm bringing to you. And then they said, and by the way, Senator, unless you change your support level, from 45 to 46 percent for local property taxes, it costs money. I said, how much money? Oh, about \$13 million. I said, I'm going to stick with 45. (Laugh)

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: It's...it's not any deeper thought than that, Senator. But I'm very comfortable with an objective which states that we will assure ourselves that property taxes do not, on a statewide basis, become more than 45 percent of funding for schools.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, the reason I am asking, because we have heard discussion in years past and in recent years again about the importance of having a three-legged stool, of sales, income and property tax somewhat equally. And obviously, 45 percent hasn't gotten to that equal. I don't know myself if there's a magic number in 45 percent. On the other hand, this is a worthwhile goal in terms of doing something statewide to having a goal. It's certainly better than the 70...65 and 70 percent that we were at.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: But it...on the other hand, I assume that this is not for all times, necessarily, but this is what you're looking at for a goal, let's say three to five years at this point, as we go through the adjustments in levies and so forth. And it's a way to send a message, so to speak, that this is what the state's intent is into the future. There's a better...see, I don't understand the rationale, necessarily, for sales, income and property being equally at a third, a third, and a third. I'm interested in that discussion, too. There's...there's...we're into the pros and cons and the philosophy of what sales, income, property tax, the dependability and so forth and so on. And that's what I