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to Senator Wickersham, I probably would have supported 40 percent, but...but I think in a state such as Nebraska, realizing that it should not be greater than 45 percent is something that I hear people across the state supporting that idea. It still gives the stability that people think property tax generates for schools, still recognizes local control, but does put a limit as to that reliance on property tax and what would happen if we have a continual increase in valuation of property. So with that, I support the amendment and support the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. The lights that are currently on are Senators Jones, Suttle, Raikes, Vrtiska, Wickersham, Janssen and Senator Hartnett. Senator Jones, did you wish to speak to the...Senator Suttle.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'd like to ask Senator Wickersham a question, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Wickersham?

SENATOR SUTTLE: If LB 715 goes...is passed this session,...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Um-hum.

SENATOR SUTTLE: ...will this bill and the way it's calculated, what effect with LB 715 have on your bill?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator, I couldn't tell you exactly because LB 715 affects a calculation of needs. And if it decreased needs, then it would decrease the amount of funding that this bill would call for. If it increases needs, then it would increase the amount of...well, needs would automatically increase both property taxes and state funding under the current regime. This would just assure us that the property taxes wouldn't constitute more than 45 percent of that additional need.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Okay. So it's in direct proportion, really, to...in order for you...for us to have a more even playing field?