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constitutional limitations on what we're authorized to do. I'm not going to support the bill. I have seen instances when senators were in a cooperative mood, or it's been pointed out there seemed to be a lot of money coming in, and that money is going to be coming in at that rate all the time and they take decisions that I think are not prudent. When time comes for the piper to be paid and there is less money, are you going to pay the piper, or are you going to pay the one who makes the piper's pipe? But you can't pay both of them. Then you argue which one was promised to be paid.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And then you go to that one and say, well that's where the money goes. And I will not agree with that if to do so means that we cease functioning as state senators discharging our duty to the state as a whole and become local representatives. So I cannot support the bill. I think Senator Wickersham has done a lot of work. He is a master tactician and he is able to lull the senators into a feeling of confidence, and they'll go along. But I cannot go with the confidence man this morning.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wehrbein, on the advancement of LB 1107.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I...I guess I'm becoming to see this bill as where our level of determination is, or where our commitment is. And it's a couple issues, one is, are we committed to property tax relief and state...increase in state support? As I recall when we started we were about 60, to 65, to 70 percent across the state at different levels of property tax versus sales and income tax, which of course is state aid. Today, we're talking about lowering that percent of property tax support at 45 percent, which in essence we've reversed our position. And I think it becomes a philosophical decision as to how far we're going to go here, not only one is are we going to try to get down and keep the commitment at 45 percent, which frankly becomes an entitlement. That's really what we're talking about. Or are we going to go with making local decision still an issue via the property tax in our support of schools? And I guess we each