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LB 414

SENATOR ENGEL: ...if I could...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...they look upon that as a form of...

SENATOR ENGEL: ...if I could interject.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...economic development.

SENATOR ENGEL: If I could interject just a little bit, Senator Beutler, as far as pessimistic, I don't think I've ever been that. I just...I like to say more realistic than pessimistic. But I also realize from a small county that's where you see this animosity between salary schedules, different salary schedules in a county. And we are one of the counties that they did take over the...let the state take over their assessor's position. So while that has...has actually created problems up in our county and perhaps in some of the other counties too because of that jealousy because they're getting paid more, their benefits are different and so forth. So what I'm saying is if we're going to do this, that is property tax relief. If you can say that this money will be used as it was supposed to be used when we took over the county assessor's job, that is supposed to be used for direct...I mean for property tax relief, but if you can use it however you so choose to raise other salaries then basically what we're doing, we're expanding our tax spending. That's what I'm saying. So it's property tax relief as far as this portion of it, but it's going to go back up the other way. So our...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ENGEL: ...overall state spending, including sales tax, income tax, and property tax, will have to increase. So we're talking about more spending rather than less, and that's an optimistic, realistic view. Thank you. (Laugh) Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel. We are discussing advancement of LB 414 to E & R Initial. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, I, too, want to ask Senator Beutler a couple three questions. I want to