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SENATOR JANSSEN: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...because I think it does. Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Janssen, members of the Legislature, I'm in favor of the Raikes' amendment, but view with great skepticism the value of the bill itself. Let me tell you where my thought process comes from. And it actually comes from a number of years ago, when Jerry Warner was a member of the Lancaster County delegation. And Jerry Warner's theory of government said that state money should be used first to fund state activities, and it should do that in the way that is appropriate in the minds of the Legislature. And after the Legislature had funded the state activities, the university, the State Patrol, all those things we need to do at the state level, then it should help out local political subdivisions to the extent that it could. And Jerry Warner, in his later years, became very concerned because state aid was eating up money that he felt should probably have gone to the university and to other state funded activities. And in fact, in one of his last years, he filed a bill that said all income tax shall go to state functions, all sales tax shall go to local functions. He was so concerned about protecting state activities that he was willing to even deal with that kind of inflexible idea. But when he moved with LB 1114 and started us forward with the levy limitation material and that whole theory of things that we followed through with, there were two other aspects of things that were very important to him. One was having enough flexibility to protect the activities of state government, and in particular the universities, the state colleges and the community colleges; and the second thing was that there would be a real and honest effort at local restructuring, that the restructuring of government, the schools, the counties, all of the political subdivisions, in such a way that costs really were cut and there really were economies out there related to restructuring. Today we hear that our local Restructuring Commission that we put in place back in those days to see that that job, to encourage that job getting done, today we see it more or less falling on its face, apparently. At least I don't