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as they were. I wish us to be able to stay there. So I hope that you'll support the amendment to the amendment, which brings, as I say, the number for property tax support from...to 46 percent.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. You've heard the opening on the Wickersham amendment, FA318, to AM2766 to LB 1107. We're now open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this move by the "Wizard" of Wickersham shows a willingness to try to work to a point where there can be agreement on a bill which is not good in any form. So what is being done here is to make it less bad, in my opinion. I can thoroughly understand the desire of those who want to have what they call property tax relief guaranteed, to the extent that's possible through statute, supporting a bill like LB 1107. But from my advanced stage and age, I have more of a panoramic view of things and will not just look at each key on the piano. I'm sure 88 keys, alias Senator Cudaback, is aware of this. To play anything you need to use several of the keys in combination. So maybe if this were the only piece of legislation we were going to deal with, if we were dealing only with aid to these schools, never is it called aid to education, because that relates to the curriculum, the quality of instruction, the capability of teachers and so forth, and that is too deep for a legislature to deal with. If this were the only bill, maybe I wouldn't be as opposed to it as I am. But I'm looking at it in the context of this session, which has become, for the rural ag sector, the gimme session. You've heard that song "Old MacDonald Had a Farm"? Old MacDonald is a farmer, gimme gimme here, gimme gimme here, gimme gimme there, here a gimme, there a gimme, everywhere a gimme gimme. I've never seen so many bills of the grasping, gimme type as I've seen this session. But maybe that's the best thing to do, put so many of them in that the body will say, well, we're going to give something. But practically every one of them, and the reason I modify it with the term "practically", I haven't examined every one of them definitively, I may not even be aware of all of them. Practically every one of them is going to draw down money from the state. The state is going to get its money through sales and income taxes. If you look at