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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I will support Senator Raikes' amendment. I'm not going to talk about nonequalized property tax relief or any of those esoteric concepts. "Baron" Tyson began to discuss this issue along the lines that votes are in reality going to be cast. He frankly admitted that it's in his local constituents' interest to have the percentage set at 45. It could seem that I'm voting for my con...in my constituents' interest, and in a way I am, because I consider the entire state to be my constituency. And as a state senator it is not good to give away any of the prerogatives that I, as a state official, have. I am being irresponsible when I do that. This that we're talking about relates to aid to schools, probably or undoubtedly the largest single expenditure from every budget that is built. And to treat it as though it's a ho-hum notion which we can pass a bill on today and not worry about the repercussions for two years is not wise. I do understand "Baron" Tyson, I understand the "Wizard of Wickersham" wanting to get this done. They are doing what they see as their responsibility as elected officials. But, by the same token, I have a different view of my responsibility, and it is not to try to put the Legislature in a bind on this particular issue. We are going to battle about state aid and property tax every session, every year that we come into session. There is no permanent solution, just as in politics there are no permanent alliances. There are no permanent enemies, there are no permanent allies. If you are wise and a practical politician, and that's what we are, we are politicians, whether you like the term or not. Don't say, I'm not a politician, I'm a statesman or stateswoman. "Statespersons" operate on the international scene, not in the backwater of state legislatures. There's no opportunity for "statespersonship" in a legislature. There is not the inclination to transcend local issues and interest or tell the Governor, do what his job is and we will do ours. When will he allow any one of you or any group of you, collectively, to go over there and tell him what to do? You may not even get to talk to him, if you go thump on his door, but he can dictate what's going to happen on this floor, and that should not be. One thing that would cause people to take the Legislature more seriously is, when we have a matter of this gravity, we would discuss it thoroughly and we would lay out all of the policy