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SENATOR JANSSEN: All right.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's the correct way.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, \$5 million here, \$5 million there, you know that...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: (Laugh)

SENATOR JANSSEN: But so this was the deal last year though. That was going to be a one-shot...one-shot situation. All right.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Am I correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. (Visitors introduced.) Debate on the committee amendments to LB 1214, Senator Beutler, followed by Senators Chambers, Bohlke, Brashear, and Jones. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I almost fear to say something here for fear that I'll make it more confusing rather than less confusing, but I hope Senator Janssen recognized that the \$10 million property tax reduction that the committee did didn't come out of the community college allocation. It came out of the refund section of the \$100 million that we did last year. We had \$35 million in refunds programmed in for 2000-2001, and we reduced that by \$10 million to \$25 million refund instead of a \$35 million refund. And the new money, the \$30 million in community college, the new request from the Governor this year we left intact so that the sum of it all is that when you add the new \$30 million that the Governor requested and got in this budget to the \$25 million that we have that we preserved from the last go-round, there's a total of \$55 million of property tax relief,