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comments directly on that, Senator Bohlke. If you do, you may have any of my remaining time. That's all I have to say.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. This brings the task force to I believe 19, which I think is large also; 19, I think that's where it is. Generally, I, you know, I think 12 is (laughing) number, but when you look at I believe the importance and the necessity of having a cross-section that we talk about, I think we need to have all the people that are named there on the task force, and so I'd rather err on the side of having a task force a little larger than I would consider ideal and have it more inclusive than limiting and not having it as inclusive as I think we've tried to make it. So I agree it's a little larger but I have served on some that are larger than this, and so I think the people, it's necessary to have the people on here. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. On the Bohlke amendment to the committee amendments to LB 1399, Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, this is a big, big task force that you're putting together, Senator Bohlke, but it's a very big issue also, and I think we all need...we need the representation from across the state. One question I have of you, and then I'll give you some time or...it's the only question I have right now, and that is on the amendment to the committee amendment, did I understand you correctly when you said that you were putting four taxpayers also on this, on the task force, and are those four taxpayers going to be from the same districts as which the teachers will be?

SENATOR BOHLKE: You heard correctly, Senator Janssen. They will be from the same districts, therefore, we'll have the geographic balance the same that we have with the teachers representing those different areas of the state.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, that's good, and if nothing else for travel, too. I mean they could probably get wherever they're