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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Bromm, on the advancement of LB 26.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Lieutenant Governor, colleagues. Before the bill came up, I was asked how I would be on the bill or if I would support it. I said I would listen and...because I hadn't had any exposure to the bill. And I have tried to do that. And Senator Raikes asked a lot of the questions I would have had, and Senator Wehrbein as well. There are some things that strike me about this that I'm going to comment on. And if I'm wrong, someone can correct me. But my understanding is that federal aid for lunches and breakfast and so forth goes to all schools, regardless of their...whether equalized or not. It's my understanding that currently we...the state pays about 1.7 cents per lunch, and I will need to clarify this, regardless of whether the school is an equalized school or not. And now...and I'm not...I'm not suggesting that there isn't a great value in having a breakfast program, but it is a new program. It will, as Senator Wehrbein has suggested, grow. The priority of doing this should be placed against the priority of lots of other things in the budget, in my opinion. And if someone can tell me...Senator Wehrbein, could you yield to a question, please? Senator Wehrbein, what is the beginning fiscal impact?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I think Senator Lynch said \$233,550, \$233,550.

SENATOR BROMM: Is that per year or for the biennium?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's one year, right? One year.

SENATOR BROMM: So it's about \$466,000 for the biennium. Okay. Senator Bohlke, would you yield to a question or two?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Bohlke, do we reimburse the schools now