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to...I'd like to have the frame of reference be a supporter of the bill trying to define what net costs are as our target rather than an opponent of the bill defining what our net costs should be, at least in the first instance. I ask you to oppose the Wickersham amendment. I respond to what I think is a legitimate question that Senator Wickersham raises. We need a definition. That's fair game. I acknowledge that. I'd like to have the first crack at the defining of that. I've put it on your desk. It is, itself, a work in progress. Even supporters haven't seen it and I need their critique as well to tell you what's appropriate language, but I think that's the place to start on the adoption of "cost" definitions. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Beutler, on the Wickersham amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think I just basically wanted support...to support doing something in this area. I had also had an amendment which was more narrowly drafted, but basically it dealt with the potential, as I understand it under the bill as it is currently, of a company financing a facility, calling it a child care facility for maybe one year or two years and then, after that, turning it into something else without anything coming back to the state with regard to credits that were issued on the assumption that whatever was constructed would continue to be a child care facility for the...for its useful life. So I think on that narrow topic certainly something needs to be done. I haven't seen what Senator Landis has, but I'm hopeful that there will be some refining in this area because I think certainly with regard to that narrow problem something is necessary and...and surely there's something to be said for the broader problem as...that Senator Wickersham raises also. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Members of the body, let me suggest to you a strategy for dealing with this cost issue. First of all, I don't believe that the definition of "cost" that's proposed in AM2707 is inappropriate. That's a starting point. But I don't see any harm in adopting it and then, if Senator Landis can