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How can you have a county that has 200 people in it? We have a county that has 200 people in it and a whole county infrastructure. Shouldn't the question be asked, why do we have a county infrastructure and sending state sales and income tax money to support a county infrastructure for 200 people? I think these are questions that come up when you start getting into the state aid formulas and saying these should be equalization formulas. We need to have a very long and, hopefully, informing debate on the different aspects and consequences of involving ourself in full-scale equalization in formulas other than school formulas. And even in the areas of school formulas, I frankly think that what we've done is slow down basic structural reorganization tremendously. And maybe that's good, maybe that's part of what we need to do. But if we keep changing the formula so that the slowdown becomes an ever-increasing effort to reestablish and maintain something that has no economic base, then our state government is going to be overwhelmed and the state sales and income tax is going to be overwhelmed. It was disturbing to see in the paper the other day that our sales and income tax rate is higher than the rate in our local states...in our regional states, all but one, and also our property tax is. And we all need to think about what the problem is there, and I'm sure there are different aspects to the problem. But it doesn't help our sales and income tax rate to shift money away...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and not be able to provide basic services. So I think that's one aspect of what we need to talk about on this bill and continue, I suppose, as we approach these kinds of issues in the future. Thank you.

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

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I've been listening carefully, or trying to, to Senator Beutler's comments, and find them very interesting. I find myself in disagreement on a couple of main issues, I think are main issues. One is that I think, in terms of reorganization and so on, which seems to be his concern with providing state aid to