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kind of compromise on this matter. But I'm hoping that you will not be interested in a bracket motion because a bracket motion takes away the whole bill. And you may recall that there is a part of this amendment which has to do with the Budget Act which says that, in order to get an exemption, you have to have two conditions exist--be accepting no property taxes and receiving no receiving no state aid. If we do not get this amendment, then there is very easily the interpretation that you just have to have one in order not to file the budget, one or the other, not both. That possible confusion, and I suggest to you that it's more likely to be confus...that it is very likely to be a problem of interpretation for the bureaucracy, that if you don't correct that with this bill, then you are creating another problem of the same nature as the one you're trying to clean up, that is, inexact language in the statute. So I want to suggest to you that if you're interested in a solution or a compromise, look at some amendment that Senator Bourne might put up. Do not look at a bracket motion, because if you have the bracket, if the bracket motion is successful, you will not be able to correct the budget problem and that will be creating another problem instead of solving the problems. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. On the motion to bracket LB 1279, Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body. We have talked about a lot of numbers here. We have talked about budget impact, but for me the homestead exemption represents people. And I have listened very carefully to the debate. I listened very carefully to the debate last year and I came in here as a very strong supporter of expansions of the Homestead Exemption Act and, in fact, we did raise the income levels that qualified for the homestead exemption. But one of the things that is a determining factor to me is the fairness of all of our populations. When I look at a block of homes and I realize that in one home I have a couple who are over 65 and I recognize the fact that they can earn \$22,500 a year and get 100 percent exemption, they could actually take in \$28,000 and get a quarter of their property taxes paid by the state. Now I have next door a single mom and her kids, and they don't get any exemption at all. They pay 100 percent of their property taxes, even though their income may be greatly lower