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that, although five cents a day for breakfast isn't...doesn't sound like a lot of money, it is simply...it is simply the camel under the tent. It is simply a beginning of a program that, if we're going to commit to, it's going to take significant more financial commitment than that, in my opinion, to make a difference. You have on your desk a handout which indicates what the federal cash reimbursement is to schools, and you will notice on breakfasts for free...kids that eat for free, the poor kids, so to speak, the reimbursement is \$1.09. For reduced...kids that are entitled to the reduced fee, the reimbursement is 79 cents. And for those that are full-pay students, the reimbursement for federal cash reimbursement is 21 cents. I'm not sure what we think we're going to do with this additional five cents that isn't already being done? I do know the fiscal note is \$232,000 per year and we're going to be facing a lot of bills today, veto overrides as well as other bills to vote on, that will have some fiscal impact. If I thought this \$232,000 would make a difference I'd be leading the charge. I just simply am not convinced that it will make a difference. The kids that...the kids that probably most need the breakfast, whose parents most have...have the most difficulty supplying them with breakfast, surely are the free...are the free kids, the kids that eat free. The reimbursement being \$1.09 is substantially...substantially, 22 times more than what we're offering to pay. So I simply...I simply ask you to review this policy decision, in your minds, consider all of the ramifications, and not to cast our vote lightly, not based on our emotions or the appearance of being for or against something like this, but rather on what is the best policy decision at this junction. Like I said, I will leave the motion there for a few minutes. I don't intend for this to be a long and arduous debate and if it should turn into that I'll attempt to pull the motion, but I want to give those who might feel otherwise or the same a brief chance to express themselves. Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Redfield, on the motion to return LB 26.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body. I spoke with Senator Lynch yesterday about this bill and I really appreciate having the opportunity to address