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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. You heard the opening on LR 18CA. There are committee amendments offered by the Revenue Committee. Chairman Landis, do you wish to open on those amendments?

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, the bill that was originally drafted gave the Legislature the power to reach in and make a portion of the homestead exemption subject to taxation or not, sort of at our whim, when in fact Senator Redfield has brought us a particular problem and concern. And so what we did is we shaped the language of the green copy to match the case that Senator Redfield had made, and the case is this. If you're getting a homestead exemption and the state is paying your sales tax...I'm sorry, if the state is paying your property tax and a bond issue comes up that's going to raise people's property tax but your property tax is going to get paid by the state, you don't have a stake in the outcome and, therefore, you might approach the problem differently than a taxpayer who has to say, as every other taxpayer would, do I want to pay higher taxes for this bond project or not? Do I like the bond project sufficiently that I'm willing to fund it? Because the person who's getting their property tax paid by the state isn't going to have to pick up the tab and they get a free ride. So her argument to us was we should be able to reach in, the Legislature, and have the power to consider the option of breaking apart the homestead exemption between that part which applies to the levy for which the individual citizen does not vote, and that part of the levy which was the product of voter approval. The bill does not create this as policy. It gives the Legislature the power to consider that policy. And this amendment matches the issue that Senator Redfield brought to us. I would ask for the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments to LR 18CA. Open for discussion on those amendments. Senator Redfield, followed by Senators Raikes and Jensen. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I fully support the committee amendment. It very clearly defines exactly the problem we were trying to address. The green copy of the bill