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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Redfield, on the committee amendments to LR 18CA.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Wehrbein, this would be talking about future issues. We would be talking about new ballot initiatives that were successful. The Legislature would then have the opportunity to differentiate between the voter-approved and the nonvoter-approved portions of the levy. What would that mean if, in fact, the people approve this language in our constitution and the Legislature chose not to cover the entire property tax because of budget constraints? Well, it could mean that someone with a new bond issue might have to pay that portion of the property tax levy. They would not have to go back and pay the entire levy. They might have 100 percent exemption, and that would be that two...up to two dollars, plus some of the general things that are outside of that levy limit. But the new ballot initiative would then become, if the Legislature approved it and the people approve this, could become the responsibility of that homeowner. So it is giving us some flexibility. It certainly is not a mandate, because in fact we can always put in place, at any time we want, a program to underwrite the cost of those issues for people, if we have the funds to do so. We can certainly put in place any kind of construction program that we want for the schools of this state. We are not limited by this constitutional amendment if the people approve it. What we are doing, though, however, is allowing them to give us some guidance as to whether they want us to continue to underwrite the cost of these issues for some but not all. Because remember that these are not being approved in every district, in every city and county in the state, but only in some. So we are seeing that the state funds are going back and they are funding these projects for some entities, government entities, but not for all. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. On with discussion of the committee amendments. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the