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SENATOR LANDIS: When we go from \$1.00 to \$1.04, if we do so in LB 540, there will be 15 schools that will move from getting state aid to not getting state aid. Imagine when we go from \$1.00 to \$1.10 how many schools will go from getting state aid to not getting state aid. If it was 15 at \$1.04, what will it be? Thirty? Fifty? Sixty? What we'll be doing is pushing money around in our pockets. We'll be raising property taxes to give property tax relief. And there's where the logic of this provision falls down. And it's not saved by the Schrock amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Stuhr on the Schrock amendment, AM1479.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. We have another curve thrown into the discussion now. I really was standing to speak in opposition of Senator Brashear's amendment. I'm doing that because I think it does take us in the wrong direction. I'm not going to say anything new, because we've talked about going in circles. I attended a breakfast, as many of you did, this morning. I think the emphasis was, let's try to keep things simple if at all possible. And I think that what Senator Kremer has said, yes, and Senator Landis, that we're raising money then to give some property tax relief, when really what we're concen...we should be concentrating on today is looking at the additional revenue that is needed to address our budget shortfall that we have before us. I did pass an article around to all of you, when I said I believed that the Brashear amendment takes us in the wrong direction, which points out the average tax rate. And you can look at your counties, from 1997, we have experienced...from 1997, which was 2.24, and look at 2002, 1.9. It's not significant, but it has been a tax relief, and percentage-wise, about 17 percent with the figures that we have addressed. Specifically addressing Senator Schrock's amendment, I believe probably all of agriculture would certainly support that. I don't believe this is the time to introduce this amendment. Again, it would be looking at...which would be a benefit for our young farmers and for ag producers in general. But again, I don't think it's the right time. I give my time back to the Chair. Thank you.