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state aid to education or a lot smaller dollar amount as far as state aid to education, and so I guess I can't help but think that state aid, and, granted, education is one of our highest priorities if not the highest priority of the state, does contribute or did contribute to the problem that we find ourselves in right now. But I guess I'm one of those people that always felt that local needs, local school districts are best determined at a local level and that's just...that's just kind of...I am who I am and I always kind of felt that way. But in looking at this, in allowing the levy limits to go from \$1.00 up to \$1.04, and here's my question and I'll give you the rest of my time, doesn't that fly in the face of the original concept of state aid in trying to keep our local property taxes down and offset that with state aid revenue? And so I will grant Senator Raikes, if he desires, the rest of my time. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator. Senator Raikes, you have a little over two minutes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Senator Quandahl. In response to your question, I would certainly agree with you that going from \$1.00 to \$1.04 is backing up on a trek toward a long-held objective of reducing reliance on property taxes. I think there's no two ways to say that. You asked some questions about sort of the longer term history of state aid and moving to a state aid formula, if you will, and if you go back, again before I was here and I don't know as much about this as I should, there was LB 1059, which was I think put into effect in the early nineties. The next major, major revision came in LB 806, which I think was maybe in 1996. A couple of things about those; one of them was that to a large extent the courts, I think, influenced the state's move in that direction.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: Those were both equalization formulas and the constitutional requirement of providing equal opportunity and actually also the fact that K-12 education is basically a state responsibility which is allocated or delegated, if you will, to