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minute.

**SENATOR MAXWELL:** Thank you, Senator Friend. I guess I'll just keep hammering this point home, that for those of you who have concerns about how the new system would work, that's okay. That's not what you're being asked to vote on today. We have the whole next year to figure that out. We also can cycle this through for a public hearing right now, in this session, if we want to. So please don't let those be the reasons that cause you to balk on this. Thank you, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER BROMM:** Thank you, Senator Maxwell and Senator Friend. Senator Louden. Senator Louden.

**SENATOR LOUDEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I'd like to give Senator Maxwell encouragement for working on this problem that's been carried on for the last few years. I think the state aid to education has been something that's...it wouldn't be...I wouldn't want to be so critical to say that it's never worked from the beginning, because usually from the beginning it was never completely funded right and there's always been something that's been amended to it or worked on, and over the period of years it's been worked around to, as he says, it's a situation that doesn't work. I think when it started out there was...it was a vast idea, but I guess it probably was half vast planned. And I think (laughter) as you would come out with the situation he has now, I think as he works on this through the summer, this is something that can be worked on. I think with the work that he's done on it so far and some work that can be added to it, the different ways of funding different revenues to be found for funding education. I think it has great promise. I don't know as I can support the amendment right now because I think at the present time we have a more pressing problem than...and then trying to work it in to what we're doing now, but I think this is something that he could go ahead and carry on through the summer, and with some work and some research on it there isn't any reason why this couldn't be a plan that would be well worth investigating. And with that, I would return my time back to the Chair.

**SPEAKER BROMM:** Thank you, Senator Louden. There are no further