been on a school board longer than what Senator Erdman's been on earth, looks like to me that this is a...is something that I really wouldn't want to have to contend with if I was on school board again. For one thing, already have the authority to raise my levy limits, if I was on a school board. For another thing, it moves the local effort from where I would be eligible for state aid to education...it moves it up 4 or 5 cents. So that gets part of our school districts out of the picture. It really doesn't help a school district that much. To me, my observation is, really, this bill and this amendment helps to make the bottom line look better for down here at state government. Because everything is already mostly in place that can be done by having...whether or not we pass the amendment or not. I think...I won't to support the amendment. I think we're just as well off without it as we are with it. I think it's more legislation that probably doesn't have to be done. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator Jones, followed by Senator Foley.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, I'm still got kind of quite a bit of concern about bringing this back and adding the other penny, and I just don't know for sure what I'm going to do about it yet, because I don't know whether they're going to be able to make up the difference in their local school districts or not to offset this. Because in my district, there's a lot of landowners that's on the school board right now, and they don't want their property tax raised any more. And they're short of property tax money. I was just on the phone with the superintendent from Broken Bow, and he said May is usually their big month for bringing in real estate taxes. And he said that they normally bring in about $660,000 in May, and there's only $488,000 that's come in this month. And not only that. There's about 300 people that are delinquent in their tax. And I think you'll find that across a lot of Nebraska. And what they're doing is, is they can't get it at the bank, and they're using the courthouse as the banker, paying 14 percent interest, and not being able to pay these taxes. And they're hope they wait till this fall till they sell cattle or something, and try to make them up. But they're short right now. And to get the school board to come in and say, we're