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sales tax reduction that we did last year?

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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: I have a place for that. So that lasted about a year and we were right back up there again, a portion of it anyway. But we haven't done anything with the income tax. And I know Senator Hartnett is an advocate of this and he has talked so many times about if we increase that sales tax, we need to increase that income tax. Maybe we're to that point now where we better take a look at the income tax portion. People say it's always a year behind. Well, not necessarily, because most everyone has withholding coming from their paychecks and that's taken out of your paycheck every week and reported quarterly. So it is possible to get that income tax coming around. And schools aren't the big spenders that we all maintain they are. You have elected boards in every school system.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in support of the Wehrbein amendment. Although I was absent the day that the vote was on...in the Appropriations Committee, I did indicate before the...before it was coming up that if I were in attendance I would have voted for it. So I do support the amendment. I support it for several reasons and, of course, Senator Raikes gave probably the best one--we need the money--and Senator Wehrbein also emphasized that. But another reason I support it, because it was a lot of...there was a lot of discussion in our committee about this particular amendment, the possibility, I'd like to emphasize that word "possibility," that property taxes would rise. But the thing is, for planning purposes the school districts do need...they do need some basis in order to make their plans. I served on a local school district in South Sioux City for eight years and it's very