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that. So I guess what I'm saying is I'm sort of in a mixed reviews on this whole issue. I can't honestly, with the response I've gotten from my district, vote for a tax increase. On the other hand, I can see where some of the schools are going to be hard-pressed in order to provide the kind of education that the children in that district are entitled to. But it goes back to the issue that's been brought up before, and that is they do have the option, locally, to raise those and, as a matter of fact, in my district many schools have voted for an override and several of them...quite a few of them have been successful. So the question is, what do we do? I'm going to continue to listen to the debate and try to get some of the pros and the cons, and then develop a sense of what I think is the best for the people in my district, and the state as a whole, for that matter, because, again, our children are entitled to a quality education. And can we provide it without raising taxes? Probably. We need some more efficiencies. We all know that. We're trying to do it at the state level and we need to do it at the local level in all areas of spending. So that's kind of where I stand on this issue. I, as I said, I find it difficult to vote for something that's going to increase the burden on the young people who are trying to get started in agriculture. So with that, I'll turn the rest of my time back to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. The question directly before the body is the Wehrbein amendment to the Education Committee amendments to LB 1093. Further discussion? Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I remember the words of President Truman when he was having to do some very dramatic things, like drop a bomb in Japan, and he rephrased it saying, the buck stops here. I heard Senator Baker this morning say, well, the school district people that he talked to didn't want the responsibility of doing something about \$1.10; they don't want to make that decision. I think the buck stops here. I think we have to be realistic. Now you look at this General Fund financial status. We in the Appropriations Committee have to stare at that all the time, thinking how are we going to answer the problem. If you take it one at a time,