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government, no more business as usual. If I get this wrong, Senator Landis, please correct me. But I think the gist of your observation was that's fine if that's the will of the body and that's the statement we want to make on the floor. But in your experience over the years, interim studies, that's not where the action is. That's not really where public policy is made. It's in session, the clash of interests really happen, and that's where the action is. That's where business gets done. And that's why I'm saying I've come to the conclusion that I think I like that scenario where the issue is very clearly isolated for the Legislature--levy goes back to \$1. Wow. That means, on paper at least, we got to come up with 300 million more dollars for state aid in this budget. I think that might be the kind of shock wave that will convince people this isn't working right anymore. We have to find a different way to do this. Now I've been teased by some people saying, yeah, that's easy for you. You won't be standing here next year. All I can say to that is it shouldn't make any difference whether some junior senator is here or not here. If it needs to be done, it needs to be done and a change like this isn't going to happen because one senator champions it. The body would have to embrace the idea, adopt it, the body would have to make this kind of change. So I think that's a red herring. If it needs to happen, it needs to happen; and I hope that's the direction we go. I hope that we put the pressure back on ourselves to not pass the problem on to the local level, but figure it out right here. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Maxwell. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Well, I would say that we are in a dilemma. It's pretty obvious that we are going to need to do something, but what that is I don't know that any of us probably know right at this minute. I do know that in the last years we have been working very hard to reduce property taxes. Back in 1998 we set the levy limit at \$1.10 to begin with. I know previous to that my local school district was probably in the range of \$1.50 to \$1.60. And I think if most of you go back and check you will see that your levy limits were...or not your levy limits but your levies, were very high compared to what we are looking at