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increasing in numbers. Now that tells me that we need to make a decision and to postpone a decision is not wise. As a matter of fact, Covey, in his book, said that one of the attributes of a leader is one who makes decisions. And to keep putting this off in the last several years, particularly since we've had the shortfall, it seems to me that we've kept putting off decisions, or if we made a decision, it was only just enough to make it through that particular year, and we kept laying it off till the next session. And we come back and it only is harder in the next session. We have, this session, we have looked at some tough issues. We looked at Class I schools. We've certainly looked at our agriculture through the Initiative 300 somewhat. In health care, we had a study last year; we looked at long-term care that we expended some dollars to get a study on and this year we're looking at a mental health decision. Tough, tough issues. But these are also tough times that we're into. No, we don't have to make a decision this year, but to put it off another year I don't believe is wise. The school boards, they need to have a number so that they can make decisions. And, by the way, it is the school board that will make this final decision on this bill. That's local control. I like that. I think anytime that we can do that, we have a better system. As you know, the closer politics are to the local body the better off it is. And then it would also seem to me, as it was mentioned it's not about kids, it's all about kids. But to talk about that, we're looking at the dollars, and it seems to me that we need a school system that is producing good education, which I believe we have. Are there some ways to cut that? Oh, probably. But I'll tell you it seems to me that by this amendment that we are...we've reached a pretty close figure of \$1.07; not what I'd like, and I certainly don't like to increase any taxes whatsoever. I'm dreading April 1 when I have to pay my property taxes. No, I'm not a farmer but the property taxes I have, the buildings I have, an increase of the evaluation of each one of those and, yes, I went down and protested and I didn't have any success in that either, but I really feel that now is the time to make this decision.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: I don't even want to put it off till...to the