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next round of debate, to Select File. I think it is a decision that needs to be made. I voted for it so I would certainly vote to reconsider the Wehrbein amendment but I don't see what putting off a decision is going to be of any value to this body. And I would certainly ask that we move on with the \$1.07, and it still is the vote of the school board that's going to make that final decision, and I have confidence that they'll make the right decision. With that, I'll return the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Bromm, followed by Senator Beutler.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. And I almost turned my light off because I think Senator Jensen said just about exactly what I had intended to say, and that was that I think we do have to make decisions as we go along. And we're down to a very few days left in this session, and as hard as they are, we're going to have to fish or cut bait here pretty soon. And I think this is one that we need to make the decision on, move on with it, rightly or wrongly, to Select File. You've got a little bit of time to reconsider your action between now and Select File, see what other kinds of ideas there might be. Certainly, any increase in property tax is very, very difficult to vote for. But the fact that this represents a good faith compromise, there is another session coming up. We don't know what will happen between now and then. There could be something positive but all those things, I think, weigh into a decision which I think we should make, and that is let's decide whether we're going to go with this compromise or not. It just seems, and maybe it's the issues we've got this session, but...and part of it probably is the last couple of years have been very, very hard for all of you in terms of the decisions you've had to make, but it seems like more and more on these tough issues we're just simply not willing to give any ground. And if that is the case, it's going to be very hard for us to get the job done this year. There has to be some give and take. And that doesn't mean you're giving up all the principles you stand for. I think people understand that when you're going to work on legislation and you're going to get a result, sometimes you don't get 100 percent of the result you'd like. You might get