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LB 44

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. (Visitors introduced.) There are no further lights on. Senator Redfield, you're recognized to close on AM0711 to the committee amendments, AM0248, to LB 44.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I appreciate your patience through the discussion. I know there have been a lot of questions. Senator Stuthman, I wish that the property taxes would go down in your district if there were double the property, but they won't because we have a thing called minimum school effort, which means that we're going to get those property taxes before the state pours in state aid. So the mechanisms have changed and the state has weighed in, and we have provided property tax relief through the constitution for farmers, we've done it for the elderly, and so this is not a unique thing. I am hoping that everyone adopts the amendment, because Senator Heidemann is absolutely right--we want the bill in the form where it is revenue neutral. And I think it's good news that we could give \$8,250 worth of the value to homeowners in property tax relief. And I'm hoping that in years to come, if we put this mechanism in place, that we'll be able to increase it as we go, and that we would be able to also increase the factor that we use for the farmland, so that we can provide property tax. This would give us another mechanism, because we have one in place for farms, we can lower that percentage, and this would give us one for homes. It would give us two very concrete ways to lower the property tax burden in this state in the years to come. I ask you to adopt the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. You've heard the closing on AM0711 to committee amendments. Question before the body is, shall that amendment be adopted? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. The question before the body is adoption of AM0711. Senator Redfield, for what purpose do you...?

SENATOR REDFIELD: Senator, could I call the house? There was a meeting in 2222. They wanted to come back.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question is, shall the house go under call? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Record please,