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and Ralston. That was LB 632 by Senator Bill Burrows of Adams. In 1979, Millard passes another bond issue of \$29 million.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Pahls.

SENATOR PAHLS: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pahls. Further discussion on the motion to reconsider the vote taken on AM3142, known as the Chambers amendment? Senator Combs.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I've not been able to speak very much on this bill, not because I didn't want to, but because I've been very ill. But this morning I do want to speak, and I have followed the debate closely. And personally, I feel like...and I've told people this, that I feel like Solomon, that two moms are fighting over the baby and they're asking us to cut it in half and I'm still waiting for the real mother to come up and save the baby. And maybe that's Senator Chambers, maybe that's Senator Bourne. I don't know who the real mother of this baby is, but I'm trying to be wise like Solomon and see at what point that happens. There is an amendment coming up, the amendment that has been filed by Senator Heidemann. And you wonder where the rural senators are on this. I can speak only for myself, and that is his amendment which says, on page 108, line 14, after "equal," insert: the greater of the grouping if the school district's General Fund levy was at or above 99 cents per \$100 of valuation for the previous year, the school district's prior year formula needs multiplied by 103 percent. That would be a significant amount of money for five districts in District 32. Peoples are represent...people that we represent, our electorate, sends us here to represent them, so number one in this amendment, I have five school districts that desperately need money that in this amendment would receive a lot of help. We haven't had much chance to do a lot with property taxes because of the sorry state that our fiscal situation was in when I first took office, the first two years I was in. I never want to relive them again. This past two years, gradual recovery period. I see the next four years, definitely the next two, possibly four, as the real time that we're going to be able to hash through this