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SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President and members of the body, I'd like to ask Senator Carsten one simple question. Senator Carsten, are you speaking, as Senator Kelly said, as the Chairman of the Revenue Committee or were you speaking, in fact, for Senator Burbach. Would you clarify that by a yes or no. Are you speaking as the Chairman of the Revenue Committee.

SENATOR CARSTEN: No sir.

SENATOR MILLS: Thank you. As the Senator who moved to indefinitely postpone LB 202, I, again, arise to ask you to defeat Senator Kelly's motion. I think that this is a bill that we all, very easily, could vote for. I, personally, think it is an unselfish thing for all of us to vote for Senator Kelly's motion. It would be much easier, and I know that there has been a tremendous lobbying effect to you Senators from the Commissioners of individual counties. I am anxious to see the vote. I want to see if you can withstand that type of political pressure that has been put upon you. I think that this is one of the bills that you could vote for that could be very easy to go home and say, hey, look here, I helped take off some property tax, but let's address the issue. We're talking about two and a half million dollars this year to a five million dollars next year, seven and a half million dollars the next year and ten million dollars the next year. That is the issue. I urge you to reject Senator Kelly's motion to reconsider.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think that Senator Kelly spoke about the mill levy limitation of the counties. I hesitate to bring this up but this has been a misunderstood thing for a long period of time and it is used to a great advantage when the desire to make a motion or a point. I think the Constitution, if you will read it, says that that mill levy limitation is on the actual value. Now the adjusted mill levy that you see now is on the appraised value but when they reach that limit, you have got to remember that none of this property or very little of it has ever been appraised to its real actual value and if the county wishes to increase their funding coming in, all they have to do is get an appraisal that is accurate and they will have a way..a lot of mill levy limitation left, in the process. But, of course, we know that a lot of them won't do this because we have got school districts that cross county lines and each county would fight to adjust their mill levy and their actual value so that it comes out an appraised value so this will vary. This is also another very good talking point for state support for education so that we will get away from that fact and that the counties will make their appraisal in a true and accurate manner.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I would like to ask Senator Kelly a question, a couple of questions, is all.

SENATOR KELLY: Yes sir.

SENATOR SYAS: Senator Kelly, will this increase the sales or