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SENATOR WARNER: I guess I can not explain why they don't think that it will work Senator Barnett, I'm of the opinion that it would work, but again its purpose is to insure that this additional state money would resolve in the reduction of local property taxes as opposed to authorization of...or to just increase local spending.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well that is why, when I read the amendment, I was in total agreement, and I still am. I think that it is a real good idea. I think that it finally takes into affect, or makes in affect that the county boards will reduce the taxes on the county level so that the people in the state can see some benefits in the form of state aid, the way I read it. I think that this is what you are trying to do. You are trying to show that the property taxes could reduce the mill levies could reduce in the counties by additional state aid that would be given to the counties and therefore I think it would be a good amendment to adopt if I understand it properly.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, I rise to support Senator Warner's amendment. I think that Senator Warner's amendment is well thought out, that if this body of government is too dole out and hand out the various amounts of money that has been passed on to you by Senator Burbach today in exactly what his amendment is doing on the bill that we put on here I believe last Friday. Somehow or other there has to be a reflection in taxes having a reduction on the local level. So, in my county we have a nice fat number there. Three million, seven hundred and sixty seven thousand... seven hundred and fifty four dollars and thirty-six cents. I would hope that the resident household tax payer in Douglas County would know that the commissioners who have spoken out so loudly and clearly in LB202 and who wish to push this on to the state coffers, who wish to dip down and take this money out of the state treasury, which is going to reflect Senator Stull an increase somewhere in the sales or income tax, there is no way out. It's the only way that it can be triggered. How in the devil, are we going to show that household tax payer that we did anything for him by taking the burden off of the back of the local commissioners? All you are doing is saying to the county commissioners is yes, we are the good little ole guys down here and we will raise the taxes either in the sales or income tax and then here comes Senator Warner with a beautiful amendment maybe one of the most beautiful amendments that have been thought up in this legislature. Senator Warner this is very fine and intelligentsia thinking on your part. The Legislature should follow you with this amendment this reflects to the people of my county almost four million in household taxation savings. I'm very proud of you, a Senator from Lancaster County would be thinking of all of our counties and that you would do so in this amendment of yours. I support this amendment, and I disagree with Senator Goodrich. This is a good amendment, this is a strong amendment and this will make LB202 more agreeable to the householders who reside in Douglas County.