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particular county. So privatization, all these different matters, the financial situation...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...there has been some argument that maybe it's no big financial deal. But let me ask you this, why has not one single state in this United States made the decision that it's a good financial deal to buck the federal government. I think when you work out the mechanics of the financial transactions, it is not in our interest, for purposes of saving money, to buck the federal government, even though you may decide in the end to do that for purposes of local control or the...or retaining the value of the current system. But I think you're going to have to look realistically at putting considerably more money into the current system in order to make it as good as it is today, if the federal money goes away. I think there's no doubt about that. Either we will put the money in as a state, or you will increase the pressure on the counties by forcing them to put more money into the system. One of those two things...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...will have to happen to maintain our current system.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced) Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Enrollment and Review reports LB 43, (LB) 86, (LB) 86A, (LB) 115, (LB) 236, (LB) 241, (LB) 248, (LB) 277, (LB) 284, (LB) 314, (LB) 314A, (LB) 318, (LB) 319, (LB) 320, (LB) 405, (LB) 446, (LB) 446A, (LB) 532, (LB) 533, (LB) 621, (LB) 621A, (LB) 681, (LB) 753, all of those reported correctly engrossed. LR 71, by Senator Kristensen will be laid over, Mr. President. Senator Chambers has an amendment to LB 44 to be printed. Hearing notice from Natural Resources. Reference report for confirmation hearing, and a new A bill by Senator Hartnett (read LB 849A by title for the first time). That's all that I have, Mr. President, thank you. (See pages 1519-1523 of the Legislative Journal.)