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Committee how difficult it is to stand up and say, no, to spending, and certainly the Chair needs to do that. But this is one case where a little more of expenditures, you're talking about the integrity of the entire property tax system. And if it isn't worth anymore than a couple hundred thousand dollars, maybe you ought to vote for the amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Speaker Kristensen. Senator Wickersham, on the Wehrbein amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I will reiterate my concern is...and I had a little conversation over here with Senator Erdman. And I think I'm going to repeat a part of my conversation with him. It is awfully easy to be cheap. It turns out oftentimes that it's a lot harder to be right. And I think that's kind of the choice we have tonight. And I know how being cheap appeals. But let's face it, we've got about a \$2.7 billion budget and we have a three-person...currently a three-person commission sitting on top of a process that raises what? About \$1.6 billion for local governmental subdivisions, and we're talking about cheapening up instead of trying to improve the commission that sits on top of that process. I think that the other thing we're doing is we're ignoring the cost that we will shift to other people. Now this isn't one of those instances where you have an injured party that comes to you and says you had a piece of government that failed and it cost me money. The people that this costs money are kind of the silent people because they're the ones out there paying lawyers, or they're the ones out there that didn't get their decision handled properly in TERC. And they aren't likely to come to you and say, look at how much money you cost me, because that commission didn't do its job right. Those aren't the kind of people that typically come to you. But you are costing them money and you're costing us the good faith and the confidence of the people of the state of Nebraska, because ultimately we have to be responsible for a system that produces that. And I think the difficulties that we're having with TERC now erode that. And that is far more valuable than a couple hundred thousand dollars, that is the underpinnings of our system. So I will reiterate that I think it is real easy to be cheap. And you can