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that Senator Dworak has changed his mind on state aid, but actually there is no great inconsistency to Senator Dworak. He's always said that as long as he got most of the money he could support state aid. Now the question is, how much money? One of the things that is being proposed, however, is that \$10,000,000 is not only going to break the bank, that sanctimonious seven percent limitation that has never been lived up to until this year, but it is also going to cause a sales tax increase. Now I'm not at all sure that it's going to cause a sales tax increase, in fact, I think I had some effect in making sure that if it causes any increase in taxes it will probably be an income tax and not a sales tax increase, because of a bill that I worked on last year, which says that you cannot have...raise more money from the sales tax than the income tax. So I don't think that that is exactly true. Even if it does bump it will only bump the income tax one percent, which by the way equals \$10,000,000, and even that I think can be even held within the present limitations. We will exceed the seven percent, but we made that decision when we set the priorities, when we said that brick and mortar is more important than teachers, students and property tax payers. You know, this whole proposal has been, you know, 138 is property tax relief and we're not for property tax relief because that makes the counties look good and not the state Legislature look good. We're not for state aid to education because that makes the schools look good and not the state Legislature look good. And that's exactly what's wrong with government today is everybody is trying to look good and nobody's being responsible. \$10,000,000 will go a long ways, especially with this seven percent lid, and I can remember during the debate on LB 33 Senator Dworak sang, there's no guarantee we're going to have property tax relief. But now we have those kinds of guarantees, and even though 10,000,000 won't obliterate the entire budget of local schools, it will go a long ways toward holding down that increase and isn't that what we're really talking about? You know, everybody says, we've got to wait. We can't put \$10,000,000 in. We've got to wait and put 35, 45, 95 million dollars in, because then the people will see property tax relief. But when we don't put any money in at all, what we get instead is this, we get property tax increases and we guarantee them each and every year. That's what we get, and with the seven percent lid we guarantee that those taxes are going to go up seven percent. Now we can add and make it \$35,000,000 as Senator Dworak proposes, and we encourage the Governor to veto that. I think when everything is said and done,