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SENATOR CHAMBERS: I said your rural constituents, I didn't say you, the...the rich one.

SENATOR VRTISKA: (Laughs) I'm not the rich one, but I think that I pay my fair share, and I think some of my friends who are involved in agriculture pay their fair share. But, be that as it may, I'm really concerned about turning to only one source in order to cover the shortfall. And I guess, you know, I don't know how much...do you know how much it's going to take?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Vrtiska, I've heard various figures bandied about. And I don't place too much stock in any of them except as in the ballpark guesses. Once we settle on some kind of approach that makes sense, then we can start firming up the figures. But right now they can say 30 million, 50 million, 400 million, a billion, and it means nothing because right now we're just going in a circle anyway. So when it seems that a definite direction is developing, a consensus is forming, then I will take more seriously what we're doing. But I think you can...you would agree that from our discussions that we've had on the floor, we're going in all different directions at the same time. Or do you disagree with that?

SENATOR VRTISKA: No, I don't disagree with that. And I think that's unfortunate. I think we need to zero in on the issue and deal with it. And I would hope that's what we would do. And I think there are some proposals out there that, perhaps, would do that. But it, as you well know, it takes 25 and probably 30 votes to get it done.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Which do you think is more likely to be the thing we'll ultimately settle on? Looking at an income tax increase, or all these exotic notions that are being presented to us that nobody agrees with?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I don't support all those exotic notions you're talking about, but I would...I would support an increase in sales and income tax if that's what it takes to cover the problem.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And now, since it's on my time I don't mind