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that, as I stand here, for certain. I've received different opinions from different people who have legal minds, with respect to that answer. And, so, I'm offering the amendment. I'm hoping there might be some discussion. And if I'm convinced that that part of the amendment creates any problems for the financing of this statewide radio communication system, I probably would...I would attempt to divide the amendment and vote down that portion. But I'm simply not convinced as to what the right answer is there, as I stand here, Mr. President, and argue for the amendment. So, if there are others who have an interest in that, I'd be interested in hearing what they have to say. And then we'll move forward. And I know there are some other amendments to the bill, and so, if we would, by chance, adopt this amendment, and determine that there's a better solution for appointing those members from counties and cities, I'm open to suggestions. And I'd be happy to come back and revisit that section before we get done with the bill on Select File, if there's a better answer. So, with that, Mr. President, I will conclude my opening. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. To speak to AM3265, Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bromm, members of the Legislature, I want to bring to your attention a number of things with respect to this bill and submit them to your judgment. I have a motion to indefinitely postpone the bill filed. I'm serious about it. I think it would be a very grave error to start out on this very major expenditure at a time when, for the next biennium, we don't know how much money we're going to need. And this bill envisions expenditures in the next biennium up over in...in the nine-figure area. We're talking millions...several millions of dollars, and I'll try to go into that later. So I hope that, especially those of you running for office, that you'll pay a special attention to this bill, because you might be asked the question of, why is it that we're setting ourselves up to have to make expenditures out of General Funds on this matter, at a time when we really don't know if we're going to have enough money for the next biennium. In fact, if you listened to Senator Wickersham, and Senator Wehrbein, the other day, you will know that even though...even if we close this revenue gap,