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did to create LB 1059. And I just grinned when I heard that. I thought, imagine the symmetry of that. Yeah, in 1989 the Legislature passed legislation saying, one year from now, we're shutting down the existing state aid program, so we've got one year to get a new one built to put in place to take over. And as I say, that's what produced LB 1059. So actually, what I was proposing was getting out of this mess exactly the same way that we got into it. So there's rock-solid precedent for doing it that way. But I won't spend any more time on that right now. And at this juncture, I'll just make this point. I'm not automatically against any tax, any time. I've mentioned before, I've been supporting Senator Brashear's effort to expand the sales tax base. What I'm against is this...the business as usual approach, without making a good faith effort at the core problem driving the budget crisis, which is our K-12 funding. So if you really believe we have no alternative, you better vote for everything on this agenda today. Because even if we do all of it, we still don't quite get to balancing the budget. But I suppose we come within striking distance. And of course, it does little to alleviate the shock waves waiting for us in the out years. So I just wanted to get a statement on the record one more time that there is an alternative. We don't have to go down the path, the course, that's charted for today. That's all for now. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Maxwell. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, thank you. Members of the body, I rise in support of LB 283. I think we ought to pass it as it is proposed by Senator Landis and amended by the Revenue Committee. With the exception of the operative date, then it will mirror exactly the provisions that we have already put in LB 759, which is not on General File, but on Select File; and that, for all of the reasons Senator Landis states, we will be advantaged by passing this bill and passing it so that it can go over and get 33 votes for the emergency clause and begin to raise revenue earlier. And I support that effort. I'm...we, later on, on Select File, when we get to it, on LB 759, I'll have an amendment that will take this language out. Although I was musing this morning, you know, if you pass the same identical law twice, then you've only passed one law, and it