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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...pointed out the importance of these community corrections options.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Hartnett, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President and members of the body, I oppose Senator Jensen's amendment. If we saw...we have...I've been on the Revenue Committee most of my time since I've been in this body, and what we tried to do, the Revenue Committee, with bills that were special ordered by the Speaker is to try to balance it between what we advanced from Appropriations the other day and the revenue...new revenue streams, if you want...some of it's old, but new revenue streams as far as the budget is concerned. And I echo...I think Senator Thompson touched on it, Senator Wehrbein touched on it, you know, if you want to make cuts you should do it as part of LB 407. We try to put a package together that it's not quite even, but we try to put a package, as a member of the Revenue Committee, that's pretty close. And I think what we are proposing or what the Revenue Committee proposed with this, with the liquor tax, is reasonable because we are going to have...Senator Thompson and I live relatively close to the border. If they're going to haul cigarettes, they're going to haul beer across if it's the difference that is proposed in Senator Jensen's amendment. And so I just think that we have to move ahead and if you want to cut the appropriations I think that we're going to raise taxes one way or the other, either property tax or one of these other taxes. So I just stand to oppose Senator Jensen's amendment. I'm going to give probably to somebody that's for it. Senator Chambers, well, I'll give you the rest of my time. (Laugh)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, about two minutes have elapsed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Members of the Legislature, just for the sake of the