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you have 2 minutes and 45 seconds.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Stuthman, there's a remedy to that problem. It's called an offset. And I think that is a reasonable approach to take. Now, you can do that as an offset of cuts in other areas. Maybe you want to cut somewhere else to restore that dollar, which is about \$7 million. Or there might be an easier fix. You could double the alcohol tax, which brings in \$9 million. So you can go to the green copy of LB 283, and you can find that money to do that. So again, I'm...and I need to hear what you have to say, because those thoughts were the exact thoughts that ran through my mind, Senator Stuthman. I also looked at the discussion that we had under LB 622, and realized that the smallest 80 counties got hit. Now, I don't know if your county got hit. I don't know if Douglas County got hit under this proposal, because I haven't seen the breakdown. But I know they didn't get touched under LB 622. So in an effort of fairness, if you will, when you say automatically that this goes to property tax, we already have that problem under LB 622. That will probably have to happen. I'll have to swallow and I'll have to vote for that. But if this is something that you feel strong enough for, I'll work with you. I mean, I can tell you...I gave you a list where I've said there's another whatever million dollars...or, \$28 million to get to a number, you know. We can sit and talk about that. We can offer amendments on LB 283, when it comes back up, to restore that funding specifically. I have no illusions that there is going to be a need for compromise in this process should this go forward. But my concern is, is that if something in the middle doesn't go forward, we end up with a logjam, and we end up with a...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...situation where there's a lot of pressure to do things as they are. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Friend

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, I'd like to echo what some of the others have said