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are...they're too damaging to the state. And I'm glad this year was tough and I trust that Legislature in 2007, and by trusting them I think that allowing them to convince themselves is just exactly the way to trust them. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Tyson, on AM1975.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President. In the early part of the nineteenth century in the Irish Parliament, a bill was being debated and someone suggested that we should do this for posterity, and a stout Irish squire rose to his feet and said, why should we do anything for posterity; what in the hell have they done for us? This is spot on. I support the Brown amendment. If there is a justification for continuing that tax past 2007, let it be done. It's that simple. In the meantime, Senator Landis pointed out that we can change this law next year. We can change it in the upcoming special session. I just threw that in. (Laugh) We do give, I think, some credence to our motives if we support the Brown amendment, and I think we detract from it if we don't, and I urge you all to support the Brown amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Raikes, on the Brown amendment.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, as an opponent of this amendment, I am encouraged by Senator Tyson's support. (Laughter) This is an amendment that, in effect, says you and I can do better now than a future group can do facing the situation head-on. I don't think we have the record or anything else to support that notion. But what I'd mostly like to address is the workability. This future Legislature is going to have to reduce the sales tax rate. Are you going to have to amend it to say also that they can't expand the base? So really what have you done? For example, suppose this future Legislature is looking at the decision of either keeping the rate where it is or dropping the rate and including food for sales tax. There are many details that you put together on a revenue decision that a rate, in and of itself, doesn't cover. And I think you should allow the group to package those things