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struggling, when you look at some of the bills that have been introduced and prioritized, why, you can make good arguments for all of them. I'm struggling with how is it that we are paying for new projects when our General Fund is 300 and some million dollars in the red now? And, Senator Schrock, I'm not trying to derail your bill, necessarily. I'm just simply saying, while this might be extremely important, I don't understand how we can even be talking about doing this now with this kind of expenditure. And maybe I'll yield my time to you, Senator Schrock, to comment on that. I am, again, I'm...we are not out of the woods in terms of our budget problems, by any stretch of the imagination. There was an article in the local paper this...yesterday regarding that a lot of our pension funds are now underfunded. I don't know if you saw that. I read it on-line. You know, the Forecasting Board downgraded our projections there. We're 300 and some million dollars short now. Some members from the Appropriations Committee are saying we don't need to follow what the Forecasting Board is recommending; others say we need to. I'm just simply saying, how can we be increasing, developing new programs, increasing expenditure today, when we can't afford to pay for our ongoing obligations? And I would suggest to you that it could very well be that we will need some additional levy authority to simply fund what we have. I don't know that. I'm not saying that's going to happen today. But I'm concerned that if we raise property taxes to fund this, there's two bills to increase gasoline taxes, we do that, pretty soon we'll have nowhere to go if we simply need to fund the state's obligations. We haven't been probably as diligent as some people, at least in the public, think in terms of making cuts, so I'm struggling to see how this all fits in. And, Senator Schrock, if you'd like the remainder of my time to comment on that. Again, I'm very concerned with adding new programs when we can't seem to afford what we have. Senator Schrock, if you'd like the remainder of my time to comment on that, you're welcome to have it.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Schrock, you have a minute and ten seconds.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Bourne, I'd be glad to respond, and those are legitimate concerns. The \$2.5 million I think is