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SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam Chairman and members of the body, Senator "Cap" Dierks has...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator, we're in the midst of voting.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Oh, I wouldn't want to deny anyone the right to vote.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 7 nays, Madam President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment fails. The next amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator, your next amendment is 3314, as you know. Is this the amendment you want to substitute?

SENATOR SCHMIT: To the amendment, Mr. Clerk, that we would like to substitute 3360, Senator Dierks's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: If there are no objections, it's so ordered.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Dierks would move to amend with AM3360.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Madam President and members of the body, this amendment takes the approach to our current dilemma that none of us want to think about and that's to reduce expenditures. I want to preface this by saying that you all know me and I'm not an antigovernment demagogue, nor do I pander to the unrealistic view of some people that government is laden with easily trimmed fat, but I think it's very important to step back from the issue and examine it from a broad angle. We collect roughly \$2.5 billion in tax revenue within the borders of this state, yet we are paralyzed by the potential loss of \$100 million. I feel that that is rather... I find that rather inconvenient that the convenient method of maintaining the status quo we may need to examine whether the status quo is worth maintaining. State government has grown by leaps and bounds and I...in the last quarter century and I think that I can't stand here and claim