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on board down the road. So I rise in opposition to Senator Beutler's amendment. I think that the Appropriations Committee's analysis at that point of introducing this was a wise decision because they admit themselves, it was an attempt to make for some kinds of adjustments. This wasn't a savings specific. It was an idea to adjust so we can work through the budget crisis we have and dedicate some of these funds into the General Fund to support our problem at hand.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Conway. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will try to be brief because I think other speakers have touched on many of the points that were of interest to me. I look at the Appropriations Committee proposal simply as a very good proposal for cash flow management. I think that the savings, that Senator Beutler is trying to entice you with, are at best illusory and I would see no reason to postpone projects which have already been oftentimes postponed for something that is speculative at best. I don't necessarily agree with his estimates about interest rates nor do I necessarily agree with his projections concerning construction costs. Those things are entirely unknown and fluctuate for reasons that are well beyond the control of this body or, in fact, at times it seems anybody. So I think that is entirely speculative. The committee proposal seems to me is prudent. It does help us manage our cash flow problem. The proposal to bond these projects I don't think should be viewed by any of us as novel. It has occurred many times and it is what...it is exactly what you see. It is simply a technique for managing cash flow and going forward with projects that we made the decision are necessary, and there doesn't seem to be any argument that any of these projects are unnecessary. It is simply a cash flow analysis. The committee proposal meets those cash flow requirements and I think should be adopted.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I recognize that this is calling upon certain districts and certain entities and certain representatives of those districts to make bigger sacrifices than others of us. And I want to state right up front that for my part this is not a backing out of a commitment that many of us made on LB 760 that these projects are a group that should be done. I, personally, this