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and fully discuss this issue because it is a very, very important issue.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator Engel. Mr. Clerk. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, I need to reformulate the amendment, and so at this time I would withdraw the one before the Legislature.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: It is withdrawn. We return to a discussion of LR 41. Senator Jensen, your light is next.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I think there's a real philosophy here that we need to think about in the Legislature. We...certainly the number one issue I think that is before all of our constituents, and certainly as I hear from them is the tax issue. So I would hope that we not only look at the Public Service Commission, but that we look at all the commissions as to their efficiency, as to their need, and then also as to how do we serve the public with the dollars that we have available. Certainly it becomes prohibitive that we increase taxes. I will certainly go along with...can we shift taxes? I don't know, we need to look at that. But the real answer lies in spending. And so I hope that we don't...not only look at the Public Service Commission, but that we look at all commissions, all of the agencies and determine if we can more efficiently and at less cost serve the public. Senator Brown, would you respond to a question, please? Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Brown.

SENATOR JENSEN: That's all right.

SENATOR BROWN: Yes.

SENATOR JENSEN: If you'll recall, last year, particularly during the budget presentation I had asked about the Public Service Commission and the amount of square footage they had and the cost per square foot as compared with other agencies. First of all, is the square footage that...they had about 2,000 square