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that can be paid out over a period of time that extends up to 15 years, depending on when the cycle starts. But that is a huge obligation that we have undertaken. It's a billion dollar question that we're asking whether or not we've spent our money well or not. And I have argued in the past that we have not, that we have had too many projects that have been approved, that have been expensive losses of revenue, that have not had a payback. Now I make that argument, and I have argued in the past for a cost/benefit analysis of these proposals. And I'm thrilled, frankly, that Senator Warner and the Revenue Committee and Senator Hartnett has picked this as a priority bill, to finally get at that question, because it's been one that we've...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...that we've tried to avoid since the passage of the bill back in 1987, now we're talking nine years later. And I have been willing, time and again, to put up what I think the scenario is on these tax breaks. Those that support the tax breaks have avoided, at all costs, the sort of analysis that is being called for in the bill, and I'm glad we're finally going to get an answer that we're looking for. I'm not afraid of the answer. I'm not afraid of asking the questions, because I think the answer back will be that there are some projects that are quite good investments for the state, others that are very, very poor investments. And then making a decision policywise how to target the good and help those and avoid the bad and the losses involved with those is the way we make good public policy in this state. And without information we can't do that, this bill takes us a step toward that. I support it. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the body. Senator Wesely, a couple questions.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely, Senator Vrtiska has a question or two for you.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I'll start off by saying I support this and I