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my priority. If we're going to give a business sales tax exemption then give it to them so that they can take care of their employees' children. I...I don't fault those people for their priorities any more than I think they should fault me for mine. I'm just telling you that I don't think that this is the kind of bill that we should support for two million, for four million, or forever...forever how many million. I want to use the money or have tax exemption for more noble purposes and I don't think that this is a noble purpose. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Suttle. We are debating AM2906. Senator Landis, followed by Chambers and Lynch. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on AM2906 to LB 171? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Debate does cease. Senator Beutler, did you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, it's...it's as simple as this, I think. You're facing a \$1.2 million tax loss this year, \$642,000 tax loss next year, \$500,000 the year after that, \$500,000 the year after that. That's the tax loss if this bill goes through with the same...with the 25 votes. The question for somebody like me who doesn't want the bill to go at all is whether to take a roll of the dice and lose \$4 million of revenue for the state, or whether to not take that risk and settle to have only \$2 million lost. It's a loss either way from my philosophic perspective, but it's less of a loss. Each one of you will have to decide what "principle" means. I don't think "principle" means taking the least...the worst judgment. I think "principle" means making the best judgment, making the judgment that best preserves your goals and ideals, and I think each and every one