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wouldn't have General Fund dollars for, and I believe this is something that we should look at when...after we find out whether the people are going to approve this, this type of gambling. After all, our constituents believe that, the majority of them, believe that we are pretty well fiscally responsible for handling their tax dollars. Some do disagree, but generally speaking the revenues that come into this state are distributed out to every portion of the state. You go to a county that has...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...very little population, you know, and their taxing authority, in most cases, is pretty slim, but they all benefit from what...how we move those dollars out through the Appropriations Committee. So everyone shares, everyone shares from those dollars. And it takes 25 votes of the people in this body to decide where those dollars are going to go. It takes 25 votes to decide where we are going to go with the revenues that are generated from alcohol tax. Our constituency allows us to do that; also on the income tax. Property taxes are levied at a local level...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you. Already? Already?

SENATOR CUDABACK: That's time, Senator. Sorry.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Are you sure you don't have a fast clock up there, Senator. (Laughter)

SENATOR CUDABACK: You only had two and a half minutes remaining on Senator Cunningham's time. Sorry about that. Senator Schimek, followed by Senators Kremer, Synowiecki, Erdman, and Burling.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I don't intend to be on my feet very many times during the discussion of this bill and, in fact, I'm not even going to really discuss the bill, Senator Janssen. I know very well