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at themselves and if they look good in that picture then it's a good class picture. Well, I think we have to look beyond that. I think we have to look at the needs of our state. We have to seriously consider what do we need to do in order to finance our government? I've had a number of letters that say we've got to cut wasteful spending; that's what's wrong. That is not what was wrong. We have lost infinite amounts of money from capital gains, things that we had absolutely no control over, and those have impacted our revenue sources in the state. So it's now the time that we have to do the revenue. We have to do it appropriately, and I think it's important that we all consider this without saying, I'm for it or I'm against it. Let's listen to it. And then, when you receive the appropriations package, you can see how we need this money in order to accomplish the needs of the state. I'm not talking about the wants of the state.

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I'm talking about the needs of the state. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Pederson. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Brown would be the next speaker.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, we've had some discussion this morning about process and I will admit that it is going to be very difficult for me to alter the way that I think about the process in that we are taking up a measure to increase revenue prior to dealing with the budget. And part of that is because I believe, and I have said on the floor here so many times, that when we have revenue, no matter if it's a dollar more or several dollars more, we spend it. And I'm not making any judgments about the validity of some of that spending. I'm just talking about that that's what ends up happening. But I intend to listen and participate in this discussion. I did not support LB 1085 because I couldn't explain it to anyone. We put the package of LB 1085 together on a Monday night and we voted on the override of the Governor's veto on a Thursday morning. None of us had had a chance to have to articulate to our constituents why things were the way they