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SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, Senator Chambers brings us an interesting proposal here. It doesn't affect my city so I guess maybe it doesn't...but I think...I hope that people listen to Senator Wehrbein in that I hope that nobody on this body is that...have closed their mind about this part of the proposal, one side of a proposal, the revenue side, which maybe, someone said, maybe we should have started it after we did the appropriations. But I also think that one of the keys to this state is that we have good education in this state, both K-12 education and higher education, and I think if...and I think Senator Wehrbein said this privately to me, that the only part of the budget that will be hurt the most if we don't do some part on this revenue side will be the education, either K-12 or higher education, and that disturbs me. I guess that really disturbs me as a member. And I've been in the Legislature a long time, not as long as Senator Chambers, but I think, you know, these are...they're critical times. Yeah, there's a word. I couldn't say that, critical times. Yeah, we've never faced times like this, this budget crisis as we've had, no. And I think that's something, we got to deal with it. We got to stand up to the plate and take a swing at the bat. I think we need to do the revenue package as proposed by Senator Brashear, support this proposal. I supported I think in the Revenue Committee, which I've served on most of the time. I think I've supported most of his proposals. Some of it didn't get out of the committee, but I think I, as an individual member, supported it. And so I really think that something we have to do, even though we may have said, you know, don't raise taxes, but I think we can't hurt the education in our state, both elementary and secondary education and higher education. So I probably will not support Senator Chambers' amendment. I think the appropriations part of it is that. But I think that's something we should listen to the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, is that we need to do something on this side of the aisle, on the revenue side. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Brashear. Senator Brashear waives. Senator Redfield.