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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Quandahl. Thank you, everybody who has been commenting. And if I missed anybody, it wasn't intentional. Thank you, Senator Bourne, for looking and waving, and, Senator Aguilar, for voting wrong on everything. (Laughter) Members of the Legislature, these items are going to come before us again. We have had some bad decisions made collectively on this floor, in conjunction with bad decisions the Governor made. The last few years, he has wanted to do what he called cut property tax. Money would be taken and put with the state colleges, or some kind of way. And then others would be...other little bits and pieces of money would be returned to the public in amounts too small to do the public any good. And I had always felt we should not do that. We should keep those amounts of money clumped together, and put them someplace where they can do something of value. If we put those monies into the rainy day fund, then maybe we would have a bigger cushion now. Well, unless it had been raided again in the meantime. But pitching and patching is what the Legislature has been doing during the current administration, because there was that mantra that says the following: no tax increases, no matter what. Let everything else go to Hades in a handbasket. Let the legislative budgeting process wind up in a shambles. Let every fund, every cash fund that could be raided, be raided. Put everything off until tomorrow. Then, when tomorrow comes, people are tearing their hair and asking, as if they don't know, how did we get where we are now? By steps that were deliberately, consciously taken, we wound up where we are now. It's impossible that we could have wound up anywhere else. Money doesn't grow on trees, although it grows in poppy fields. And some of you all will know what I mean by that. What we're doing here is repenting at leisure. Sin in haste, repent at leisure. We have plenty of time now to reflect on the bad decisions, the bad judgments made in the past. And we should be careful not to do the same thing again. The best way, in my opinion, to avoid that is to do what people have suggested, and that is to put everything on the table. And we begin to sort through these things and see what is uppermost in terms of the state's obligation. The state as an entity, we, as the legislative branch of the state, must look at those essential activities the state must engage in to preserve and maintain