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to prepare for that which didn't seem likely to happen but could happen. With things going the way they are now and these various predictions and forecasts about diminishing revenue coming in, with a ballooning federal deficit, and it's going to get bigger, the federal debt affects the state. When they make huge cuts in income tax at the federal level, it's going to affect what the state takes in. And everybody knows those things so why can we not lay out for the public the direction, in a general way, that our deliberations will take? Maybe everybody feels...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that this rainy day fund is stable; that after 2004 the money that would have gone there should go to the General Fund but you're going to have to extend the cigarette tax, if I understand what has been said. You will not hurt anything by adopting this amendment, but you will say something and what you will say will be the right thing. Looking at Senator Friend is like trying to knock down an open door, because he's been voting the right way so far. Ray Aguilar, who needs to learn how to vote the right way, hasn't even been in his seat. Yes, he has. I just saw him move. When I see motion it catches my attention. Mr. President, I'm going to ask for a call of the house and this time I'm going to ask for a roll call vote.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Gotcha, Senator Chambers. Thank you. There's been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye, opposed nay. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Unexcused senators report to the Chamber. The house is under call. The house is under call. Senator McDonald, would you check in, please? Thank you. Senator Byars, you check in, please? Senator Dwite Pedersen. Senator Jones, you check in, please? Senator Johnson. Senator