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away from us. Put all of the pieces of the puzzle there. And if there are some surplus pieces, we'll find that out after we have completed this puzzle that we are trying to put together. Senator Quandahl's amendment does nothing other than give us an opportunity to focus the public's attention on what we are doing. I would like nothing better than outraged editorials, people calling those nutty...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...radio programs, and all the other ways the public will have of expressing their opinion on the public's business. And right now, this is the most important business of the public. Why should we not want them to be involved? Nothing we can say is going to get them interested. But this amendment being adopted will. And it is not final. So I hope you will vote yes on this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise with a small amount of reluctance to speak in favor of this amendment. And I say that because obviously there are parts that I would not be so agreeable with. But at the same time, I think it's interesting to note that just because we pass this amendment doesn't mean all this money goes away. It means we have an opportunity, as Senator Chambers and Senator Quandahl and others have said, gives us an opportunity to revisit these issues, to look at them more carefully, and decide those that we think ought to be refunded, and those we just walk away from. And I think that's the bottom line. We're a responsible group of people who have to make a decision. As much as we may or may not like to, we have to come up with a decision on how to fund state government in the coming biennium. And this is one attempt to do that. I was kind of interested when the discussion came around about the wrong time to bring this up; it didn't have a public hearing. If that was the first time this ever happened in this body, I'd agree. But we all know it's happened before, and it will happen again. When you get to this stage of the debate, people bring up amendments simply because they...something strikes their mind, and all of a sudden they