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and you're going to mess over my family. You can't do that. So here is Lazarus with nothing. But crumbs fell off the rich man's table, bits of food. And this poor man had to fight the dogs for those bits of food. And he had sores, and the dogs licked his sores, according to the story as Jesus told it. And the two died. Where did the rich man go? He went to a place where there was fire, weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And when he looked up, he saw this poor man in Abraham's bosom, whatever that means. And the rich man said, just let Lazarus dip the tip of his finger in some water and touch my parched tongue. I'll finish the story when I get recognized again. And maybe it will touch some hard hearts here today.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bromm, members of the Legislature, let me try to describe to you the two dimensions of what we're dealing with here, in my opinion. First of all, there is this thing, the taxation of food and pop, in and of itself, as an issue with pros and cons, and the merits of it. And for myself, on balance, I would agree with Senator Brashear that these things ought to be taxed, given the broad spectrum of things. And so in that regard, I disagree somewhat, although not strongly, with Senator Chambers. And I suspect that this body is very split on this issue. So that aspect of things sits here before you. But also, as a very important part of this, there is another aspect, and that aspect relates not only to the \$21 million of revenue that we're talking about with regard to this particular amendment, but it goes to the revenue packages themselves that must evolve in this Legislature to give us an opportunity to vote on the Appropriations Committee recommendations, to vote them up or to vote them down, but at least to have all of the packages in front of you in order to do that. Now, on the expenditures side, the mainline Appropriations bill is the package. If you want to do what they recommend, it would take \$360 million of revenues. On the