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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: How willing are you to make the...to substantially increase taxes now, and to continue to substantially increase taxes in the future, so that our revenue can follow those numbers that I talked about--a quadrupling in 13 years; 15 to 18 percent a year? And as we continue that kind of growth, that part of the pie just becomes larger. And we've been trying to balance things on the very smallest part of the pie. And so I would just ask us to consider these big numbers, and also, as we move forward, to consider that small number that I talked about, that number five, and whether we're going to control...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BROWN: ...the budget decisions, or whether we're going to let it be done in the Governor's Office. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. The issue before the body is the motion before the...on the Appropriations Committee amendment to LB 407. Now open for that discussion. Senator Maxwell, followed by Senator Schrock and eight others.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Thank you, Mr. President. Quick statement for the record. I will vote for the committee amendment. I hope soon I vote for the committee amendment. I'm antsy to get to my amendment. I'll vote for that amendment. I note that since we began our deliberations today, the sun has come out. So maybe a new day is dawning in Nebraska fiscal policy, and my amendment will be adopted. But if not, if my amendment fails, I won't vote then for the advancement of LB 407. But it's not sour grapes. I just want to quickly explain, I don't support the level of taxation necessary to support the committee amendment. I got burned last year. I voted for the last appropriations package that came out on the floor, with the understanding that a coalition was taking shape that was going to pursue an alternative to LB 1085. That never happened. I and a couple other senators got hung out to dry, having voted for the budget plan but not the tax plan needed to pay for it. So I don't want to get caught in that trap again. So if the final product