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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and sales and income. And they certainly don't want us to increase property taxes. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Schimek, on the committee amendments to LB 407.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This is the first time I've spoken on this particular amendment. And I'm rising in strong support of the Appropriations Committee amendment and the work of the Appropriations Committee. I was "fortunate," and I put that in quotes, enough my first two years in here to serve on the Appropriations Committee. And I was fortunate in that I learned a lot about how the budget process works, and how state government works. And I may be not so fortunate, in that I, you know, had to do like they are doing, and putting in a lot of long, hard hours, which often takes you away from the rest of the legislative activity. So I thank them for their hard work. I know in my heart of hearts that they have dug into all of these different agencies in the very best manner that they could. I have a lot of confidence in what they've done. I would like to, however, talk about a couple of things that have been raised here on the floor. And, Senator Schrock, \$89,000 for a salary for a doctorate, for somebody who's been in the education field, or research field for maybe 30-30 years? It may sound like an awful lot to you and to me, but on the other hand, it's all relative. If you heard the news this week, there's a young man out of Ohio who's going to graduate from high school. He's going to go directly into a major baseball...or a basketball team, a major...not Major League, but...okay, NBA. And...you can tell I read the sports page a lot. And anyway, he's going to make about \$10 million, directly out of high school. I mean, let's keep things in perspective here. I'd like to...and actually, I should ask a Page, if they would, to come and pass out a handout that I have. You know, we've been talking about taxes in here a lot this morning, because it's all related to what we're doing here today. And I recalled, when I was in the Legislature a few years back, that Jerry Warner, at that time, talked about and