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eliminate only the optional services from Medicaid, we'd only save about \$36 million. Everything else has been mandated by the federal government that we have to provide in order to get the match. We cannot go out and get the copays and things like that on Medicaid because, first of all, if we would generate any revenue, it would go back, two-thirds of it, to the federal government and their program, because that's the agreement that's there. Plus, we have some severe limitations on what we can charge. So we are also put in that box, but I think we can respond appropriately. I think that we can make some decisions that do protect our priorities. Again, I'll reiterate the fact that when we make decisions and we have the cooperation of other entities, whether they be the university, state colleges, community colleges, local school boards, county government, NRDs, whoever that may be, there is no guarantee that we're being as efficient as possible today.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: End of the session, I guarantee we're going to turn over every rock, and whatever happens is going to happen. But I think when you look at what we're allowing, the local flexibility and some of those things, I think there are some opportunities for those people to make some other decisions besides raising taxes and doing those things. But again, I rise to let the body know where I'm at. I cannot support \$350 million in sales and income tax, whatever other taxes are in there. Today, I'm going to oppose the committee amendment. If it's adopted, I'm going to oppose the underlying bill. And I would encourage the rest of the body to, if you will, show your colors and allow us to kind of navigate this water. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Brashear, on AM1111.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Thompson, I wasn't certain how I was going to proceed this afternoon, but I'm taking the bait. I'm taking the bait. I heard your speech about the work still has to get done. Now, we've got five minutes here. It's my five minutes, so if