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doesn't make any difference whether you amend it out. But just for neat housekeeping, when we get to LB 759, we'll try to take this language out, if it's acceptable to the body that it pass in its independent bill form. With that segue, let me give you a sense, if I may, of what my approach to this is. I see that subsequent to our two and one-half days of discussion about revenue, and our attempt to put together at least the beginnings of a single package that would be the legislative response to how we would deal with the issues of revenue, side by side with the issues of appropriations to follow otherwise, after two and a half days of that discussion, then the Revenue Committee, on its own motion and for its own reasons, advanced these individual bills. This is certainly an approach. But I would ask you, at least for a little time, let's carefully consider the approach. Ahead of this General File issue is a bill we have moved to Select File that has the potentiality of having put in it...and that's what I will endeavor to do...every good idea that we can coalesce a majority opinion around. And we can send to the Governor one bill that is our best recommendation of how this issue ought to be dealt with. And I know you all know it, but just so we're clear and no one is confused, the line item veto doesn't apply to revenue bills. So if we put together one bill which is just exactly the way a majority of us want the bill to be, and is the exercise of our leadership for and on behalf of all the people, and the exercise and fulfillment of our duty as we see it, then we can speak with, quote, one voice, in one bill, on issues of revenue, and the Governor can make his response. And we will not have, oh, yes, this, but not this, but that, but not that, but, but, but, but...confusion, which sometimes, in the public domain, people love. Because it's not...it's very difficult to affix responsibility,...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...to achieve accountability, and to know just exactly who did what when, why, and what the consequences of it were. So you won't...trying to give you a little sense, to the extent you care, of my approach...I'm waiting for LB 759, because we already did two and a half days of hard work on that bill. And I have an amendment which is filed which I would propose to put together in that bill so that we are all together