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SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Landis, would you yield?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Landis, you indicated in the fiscal note what the amount of money would be raised with the original bill. And now you're talking...I haven't put any pencil to it, but do you know what the amount would reduce to by the amendment?

SENATOR LANDIS: The work that's come back to us has been estimating it about \$4.5 million per year.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay. Well, you know, I guess the original amendment was my preference when I...or, original bill was my preference, thinking about our fiscal problems in this state. And listening to some of the other speakers and the problems that alcohol caused, I thought it was probably the right thing to do. I'm not going to make a big issue out of it, except that I think that...I'm not, at this point, think I will support the amendment, simply because...and maybe there's somewhere in between that would be more acceptable. But I'm not going to get into that right now. I think I'm going to wait and see what some of the other people in the body feel is right and proper. I don't suppose, in the eyes of those who have to pay, anything is proper. But at the same time, we have to make these decisions in this body, determine where the amount of money, or we have to make the cuts. And right now it seems we're struggling to find...to try to find the amount of money that it's going to take to continue providing the services that people expect from the state and local entities. So I'm going to be carefully watching and see what the attitude of the body is, and then make a judgment based on what I'm able to learn. And with that, I'll return the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I just want to stand up in support of what Senator Brashear just said, as far