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Corrections, I would love to make some changes there. But I don't feel asking our counties to pick up the tab entirely on jail reimbursement is going to be helpful because, again, it's the property tax piece of that that gives me terrific heartburn. I think if we can decide at what level we're going to compromise, whether it be the \$250 million, or \$300 million, or \$320 million, if we can come to resolution on that, I feel we do have enough alternatives out there to put together a revenue piece that is our best effort. And 25 votes is not going to be adequate. We're going to have to have at least 30, believe, to be sure that our work is going to be done. And there are many that say, we got to have at least 33 on the budget package in order for it to kick in at the right time. And I still have to be educated on that to be sure how many votes that is going to take. But I think this has been helpful in sorting out some of the pieces that we can and can't support. I will not be able to support this amendment in its entirety, although I suspect we're going to see pieces of this show up in whatever our final resolution is here. That would be my best judgment. So let's go ahead and finish the debate on this. And I think it will be instructive on the rest of this...of the amendments on this bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Jones, on the Erdman amendment to LB 407.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President, members of the body, I haven't talked on this yet, but I want to stand up and talk about it a little bit. Because I think a lot of the things that I wanted to say might have been already said. But I think this is something that...Senator Erdman brought this to us because I think it's an eyeopener to what we could do and what we might be able to do. So I really thank him for AM1763 that...what it's doing is causing a lot of discussion. And this discussion might come up with some ideas that we can make. Because we realize, if we probably send this to the Governor the way it is right now, LB 407, it will probably get vetoed and get back to us, and then we will have to make some more cuts. So if we can make some more now before it goes, I think it's going to be really helpful when it gets to his desk, to see what we can do. I have supported some ideas to increase the income on the revenue side,