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increase on this one penny could be about the same as about a four- or a five-year increase on income tax. We discussed in length the alcohol tax increase. The way it is now, it was going to increase a can of beer by one-half cent. Senator Chambers would like to go 1 cent. A can a beer, one-half cent, one-half cent a can, if you drank a six-pack of beer a day that would cost \$10.95 for the year. We don't want to do that. We don't want a...I would support and I still will support increasing the alcohol tax till even that they could pay the fair share of what it's costing our society in abusive use of alcohol. The income tax, I would increase the income tax again.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator Kruse, followed by Senator McDonald and others.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I will support Senator Raikes' amendment. I'm not sure about the base amendment. I'll keep listening. I would hope there would be some compromise on that. I suppose I would lean that direction because I am a consensus builder and that's what we have to be doing here. That's the way I've gotten as old as I am. But it is a very, very tough pill to swallow. I think it is time for us to get serious as a total group about our priorities, and obviously that's the question before us. Senator Kremer has introduced that in a good way. Where are our priorities? I am opposed to increasing property tax, which part of this does. I'm not worried about the local levy because I think those local districts can do what they need to do. I had three high school students...high school teachers in, seasoned, good teachers, yesterday. They are discouraged. They are despondent. They are ready to quit. They can't have textbooks. They're not allowed to teach in the best way they know how to teach because they're supposed to be teaching to the test. There's all kinds of pressures on these teachers and the school board recognizes this, but teachers, experienced teachers, will be leaving and that just relieves some of the pressure on the school board, who would like to do the right thing and fund a proper school. I