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who probably campaigned on no tax increases. Well, we've never seen anything like this. And if you want to dismantle the university, go ahead, but I'm not going to be a part of it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. Senator Schrock, I am going to oppose your amendment. The ghost of Jerry Warner, although this is not using Highway Trust Fund money, I can still see him sitting over here protecting that little...or large area of money that he was so concerned about. You know, I...and I don't...I don't think we've seen the bottom of our problems yet. I think we're going to be back later this summer or earlier this summer. Before we're...before we are finished with this economic downturn, we are probably going to see more devastation, not only to education, but the lifestyle and the good times that we've had the last 10 or 12 years. Now what goes around comes around, and I don't know what entertainer it was that said, folks, you ain't seen nothing yet. I hope I'm wrong, but I'm afraid that we are...we are going to see something that we don't really enjoy. And as painful as it could be, you know, I guess it really doesn't hurt all of us to witness these times. I don't think anyone has ever gone through a generation where they haven't seen ills, economic downturn, and I think it makes the people of this state and the other states who are witnessing this more alert to what the realities are that can happen. Our children have seen nothing but I would say good times. We've been able to educate them, provide for them. When my children went to...went to the university, you know, it didn't cost a lot of money. At that time it seemed like a lot of money, but now, as my grandchildren are ready to, in a few years, start extending their education through the university system or private college or wherever they choose to go, I'm certainly glad it's on my children's shoulders, not mine, to furnish those educations or that education to those young people. I think that we have...we've made a commitment here to balance this budget, however painful it's going to be, and Senator Bromm alluded to the fact that we have a source of revenue that's available to us. It's going to take 30 of you to agree to that. I know it puts a bad taste in some of your mouths, but it is some revenue