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SENATOR BROWN: ...distribute the money. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I also rise in support of the Brown amendment. I think we've already established precedent in this session in that we have sunset the provisions of LB 540. I think that's a two-year sunset. I don't know that we should give these new senators being elected in 2006 a free ride. I know one of our colleagues here said it painful having to go back and justify extending the tax increase we did in LB 1085. Painful, yes, but we survived it. I think it made us, a lot of us anyway, examine just what we were doing. It was good policy at the time. I think it would be better policy if we sunset it; make the new group of people come in here and take a hard look at what we're doing. It's no different than a business plan that we operate under. We take a look at our business plan on an annual basis--is this what we want to do, what we hope to do, has it worked, where are we going? I think it's just doggone good policy to sunset these tax increases. It's out far enough that it does affect the out years, the statement, financial statement, we have we're working off of, but it does put that new set of legislators on notice. They're going to have to come in here with some ideas that might sharpen the focus on the campaigns in 2006 when these 20 senators come in and replace us that are term limited out. Think it's just good business policy to make them go through this and justify what they're doing. So I certainly support it. I think, as I said, we've sunset provisions in LB 540. In two years we're going to have to come back and redo that, take a hard look, and that's going to affect us in the body that are here now, most of us anyway, the two-year sunset. So I would urge people to adopt the Brown amendment. I think that it just makes good sense and it's a good policy to establish. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I, too, think I will support the Brown amendment. I'd like to