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accountable to what they have to do in that session beginning in January 2007. So I continue to support the Brown amendment and urge the body to do likewise. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Brown, on your amendment.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, Senator Landis said a couple things that I have to disagree with very strongly. He said that this year was tough and it didn't have to be. Well, I appreciate this year. I did not support LB 1085 last year. The reason I didn't support it is that we put it together on a Monday and we voted for the override on a Thursday. We didn't have time to get any heat about it. Now I've gotten plenty of heat this year, but I've also gotten plenty of reassurance that supporting the package that came out of the Appropriations Committee is a good thing for a very large number of people. I appreciate this year because it has convinced me that I am doing the right thing, and all I am suggesting is that the next Legislature that...and it's not the next one, but the next one that is after term limits kicks in has to convince themselves of the same thing. The second thing that Senator Landis said that I think is absolutely...it should be wrong but is unfortunately correct, is that we spend the money that we have. Yes, we do. We spend the money that we have. And the year that we cut sales tax and we make it sound like we did something, you know, so grand and we were starving ourselves as a result, we were actually spending at 12 percent that year. So it was...it wasn't even a very difficult call. I believe that this amendment shows the most trust for that new Legislature. It shows the most trust that they will go through the same process that we have gone through this year; that they will make hard choices, weigh out the differences and decide whether or not a continuation is, in the light of whatever the economy is and in the light of whatever the spending is, is legitimate. I came to the tax increase by virtue of being convinced on the spending side and then convinced that that's what we had to do. I don't like it when the money is there and then you decide not whether it's good spending but which of it you're just going to do, and that is the part that has always bothered me about our process and this year I know that I'm not doing that; that the choices