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such a function?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: I don't...I can't give you an answer there either, Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. Well, Senator Schrock, I appreciate what you're trying to do. I know that cities are in a bind over this. But, you know, I think it's...I'll tell you, any of us that think that our tax problems and our revenue shortfalls are over in the state are mistaken. I think that our ongoing budget...or excuse me, our budget problems are going to be ongoing. I don't think this is a short-term situation. While some months it seems that we pick up in projections or in revenue receipts based on projections, I don't think we're out of the woods by any stretch of the imagination. And so I'm concerned about allowing local governments to raise taxes, even though they are trying to comply with a federal mandate. I'm concerned with any bill that's raising taxes...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...for things other than our ongoing responsibilities. And so Senator Schrock, I've outlined some of those questions I have. I am curious how much money that really is statewide in new taxes, the privatization issue. And I know you've worked hard on this, and I can sense your frustration in talking about it. But I think we all have an obligation to know exactly what this means, how much money would be raised by this, before any of us can vote for it. So if you can answer, Senator Schrock, those questions, to my satisfaction anyway, I might very well support the amendment. But as it is, I don't intend to. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Beutler, on the first part of the divided question, line 1 through 11. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I've been in this Legislature over 20 years now, and I can