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said. You could go to income tax, you could go to property tax. But a fee, to me, was inequitable, right out of the gate. I think it was unfair. Others may disagree. I agree; let's take it to a vote. I don't know where to go with it. The feeling now is this, and I can sum it up--cause of the problem. Is it the pollution, or is it the amount of water? There is a difference. There is a difference. The amount of water running off doesn't necessarily cause the most pollution. We've got cities all around the state that have issues with their water supply, with not huge amounts of impervious surface causing it. So let's talk about cause, let's talk about impervious surface, possibly sometimes in two different schemes. I don't know what to add to it. Senator Schrock, maybe you can help me. How long have we been debating it? Three years. I've only been involved for a year, and my headache is starting to act up again. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know where to go with this.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Friend. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, maybe I can help Senator Friend. Take two Bayer aspirins, lie down for a half-hour, and then come back. But on the other part of it, if I want to operate a certain business, there are privileges I as a business operator would have that somebody else doesn't have who is not in that business. For example, somebody couldn't do in their home and in their yard what I'm doing at this mall if I'm going to run it. And there are other considerations they can get too. So a cost of doing business is to be sure that they do no harm. They want people to come to their establishment, so they make it as much of a magnet and an attraction as possible. If having that business in operation produces a negative impact on the society, and that impact is required to be mitigated, the one without whom it would not exist is the one who has to do the mitigating. Without the mall being there, without the impervious surfaces, there would not be this problem. So in trying to find the cause of something--and there might be contributing causes--you can do like the logicians and the lawyers will do. Without what would this situation not exist? In other words, what is essential to its existence? Senator Friend's mall is the contributor. A cost of doing business is to pay the fee necessary to mitigate the