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talking about...

SENATOR SCHROCK: Those horrible property taxes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...just a minute ago, you're conceding...

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yep. Yep. Yep.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that they need to go up some more, huh?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I will concede that, yeah. If you would want to introduce a bill to double the income tax and double the sales tax and do away with property tax for schools, I'll be the first one to push the green light.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I don't want to get that ambitious today,...

SENATOR SCHROCK: All right. All right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...Senator, but if we could just figure out where the \$2.5 million is coming from, that much would be very helpful. The Appropriations Committee is between a hard...a rock and a hard place right now. You know, we...cutting out \$104 million would be unthinkable, the damage that would be done, especially if the damage might be done for...to bring us into line with a prediction that may well turn out not to be true. So would you prefer we raised revenues instead of you raising revenues with your added...your added fee here? Who should...who should be doing this? Well, let me just ask you that. Should we be raising revenues to take care of this?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Beutler, \$2.5 million is one-tenth of 1 percent of the state budget. Now I know, and I did serve two years on Appropriations Committee, so I have some empathy for those of you who serve there, and I commend you for the work you've done in the past and I think I'll probably agree with the work you do this year as long as I get a little money for my water task force. But when it comes to schools and it comes to human needs and so on and so forth, our state resources always get put to the back burner. It doesn't matter if it's Soil and