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SENATOR SCHROCK: Sounds like good politics to me.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now...

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, I have been, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I'm agreeing with you.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh) At last, the truth comes out from somebody other than me. Senator Schrock, if that is added to this bill, you're confident that the Governor is not going to veto this entire bill just because there would be a tax increase in it. Is that correct?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I think that's correct. And I think the Governor said no general sales tax increase, or no general income tax increases. But you know, we got these little minor gas taxes here, and levy increases here and there that...sounds good to say we're opposed to new taxes, but in reality, some of those little things I guess slip by.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schrock, when Senator Vrtiska was questioning me earlier this morning about whether I would support the bill, I stated then, and I want to say it again, that something is going to have to be done with this funding amount that will be in the bill. I will not support a tax increase of any kind that is not going to go toward resolving the shortfall that we're facing. I am not prepared to see...I won't mention those specific areas right now. I am not prepared to see certain cuts undertaken when at the same time tax increases will be authorized for what in my mind are less pressing reasons. There is a rural-urban divergence. People hate to use the word "split." There is a rural-urban divergence on this bill. I'm not going to say everybody from an urban area feels one way, that everybody from an urban area feels a contrary way. But there are people from urban areas on this floor who have a vote who view this funding mechanism in this bill differently from the way...