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and, in the meantime there, we're going to have different economic projections from the Economic Forecasting Board and so on, and I just feel that we're premature in going to \$1.10 at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, there are a great number of things to talk about and, as they say, so much to do and so little time. We spent two months figuring a budget based upon what we thought was going to be our target of \$211 million. Just a few days before we were to conclude that, we said, oh, wait a minute, we've just found out there's another \$104 million that we have to find. This was not easy. We made a number of moves, things we didn't really want to have to do, but we didn't have any choices. Now as far as the \$1.10 is concerned, that's a measure that we felt was necessary to recognize. And the schools that I've talked to would rather anticipate something like that and then find good news that they don't have to do it than to budget for a lower figure and then find out how they're going to do if it is raised. So I think it's a stopgap measure. I think it's a prudent thing to do. And as you look down the line, you will see that we need that in the out years in order to have a balanced picture at all. So let's recognize some other things that have been talked about. With the low-level \$160 million that we thought needed to be put to your attention, it's not a debt at this present time, although I don't know how many times we have to get defeated before we recognize that we need to do something about it. And I have suggested that we need to start making some efforts to settle. Now I've practiced law for a lot of years, and I know you don't just settle by saying, I'd like to settle. It's kind of like if you're going to buy a horse, you say I'd like to buy that horse, but the fellow says it isn't for sale. Well, how do you buy that horse? We have to have something in our moneybag here in order to make some kind of a settlement. I think we need to investigate all of the alternatives, not the least of which is to find a place for this low-level waste to be located. That's part of it. I'd like to mention Corrections. Senator Dwite Pedersen has mentioned that they should make bigger cuts. I think that this is starting to