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for nuclear waste. It may be that we'll only need part of that, if it's settled, if it's settled, for example, with a waste site solution here in Nebraska. So it was important to me, very important, to have some potential source of funds available to retreat again and redeem part of this property tax increase in the event that we could do it next year, in the event that revenue forecasts were good and we didn't have to put all that money into low-level. So if we're not going to have a revenue bill out of the Revenue Committee, and we're only going to have one source of tax increases to deal with this problem, then I don't want it to be property taxes, because that's what we're doing. I mean, however you look at it, we're balancing this budget by shifting it away to school districts and that will result largely in property tax increases, maybe some cuts. I don't want to do that. I'd rather have an income tax increase. You may recall that a few years ago we cut the income tax. Last year we increased it again, but only in half the amount that we had cut it before. I would prefer to raise the income tax back up to where it was in the mid-nineties, when we cut it in the first instance,...

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and start working towards that solution. Or, if you want to do sales tax, I would prefer that to property tax. I am death on property taxes. I don't want to do that if we can possibly avoid it. If you reject this amendment, it will send us into a full-scale review of how we can otherwise get this money. If you approve this amendment, you may be signaling to the Revenue Committee and others that you're satisfied with this solution and that's what you want to proceed with. So think very carefully about what you want to do here, but if this is going to be the solution then I would rather have it be something else. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Bromm. Next speaker is Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members of the Legislature, you know, we've all seen our property taxes increase, but you've got to realize, sure, schools are the