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services we need to provide, and I think now is the time to do it. And again, my recommendation, my vote will be for the Wehrbein amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Jones, followed by Senators Beutler, Kruse, Kremer, Bromm, and eight others.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, I want to weigh in on this a little bit, too, because I think that property tax is what I really hear most out there that they don't want increased. And I think that I will be voting against the amendment, AM3027, because of that. And the way I understand it is that we'll have enough money to go through July of 2005. I realize that we got to certify by February of 2005, but I guess if we have the revenue to come in, I don't think we need to have that \$1.10 sitting there because I think we just better stay with where we are at on that because the land valuations are just increasing tremendous across the state. In my district alone, is the second highest in the state and a lot of that is because out-of-state buyers. And the good example of that is, of course, Turner Broadcasting Corporation just keeps coming and buying more and more at a higher price than all the neighbors will pay. So that raises the land valuation for everybody else and raises their tax so they get more there. But just on my operation alone, last year a 12.5 percent increase on the valuation. That increase turned into \$3,000 more on the ranch from one year increase. And if we pass this, it will do the same thing again. So I don't know. Everything you buy, the seed, the repairs, anything we buy, if you go buy a new pickup nowadays it would be \$2,000 more than it was just a few years ago and they say because of labor, because the labor is higher. And we heard earlier here that our growth was 3.9 percent. That's a good growth, but we're spending more than that out. So some way or another we got to figure out how to cut that. And it hasn't been talked about here, but labor I think is a key to a lot of this because if you buy repairs or anything now or seed or fertilizer or everything they say, well, it's higher because of labor. And nobody said anything about that, but some way or another we got to curb that down some way because agriculture cannot pass that on. We're stuck with whatever we have to pay.