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amendment and what Senator Wehrbein had offered.

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I would like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, would you yield?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, many times on the floor we try to get what it is we actually want, and that failing, we have to satisfy ourselves with something less, and sometimes nothing. Would you support this amendment? Or did it have to be the 10 cents or nothing?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Can I have 30 seconds?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, you can take whatever time you need.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I was where you were a month ago, Senator Chambers...or three weeks ago, two weeks ago. In fact, I tried for \$1.08. And I was debating here whether I was going to put up an amendment something less than \$1.10. You beat me to it. So you're one step ahead of me once again. I think I will support \$1.07, because it's better than \$1.05 in terms of solving our problem. But I want to make it clear, it doesn't solve the whole problem. It leaves a \$60 million gap out there, roughly, rather than \$100 million. So we're going to gain about \$40 million. Whether that is close enough for government work in this case, I don't know. But it is better than \$1.05, in my mind, to solve the problem. And I guess I would take it at this point, and we'll get closer to a final decision on Select File. Because...I mean, I have to figure...I didn't like the \$1.10, in terms of the personal bias have. Like everyone else in here, I'm no different, I don't like property taxes, especially going on up. But I...but if we solve our budget dilemma, we have to go somewhere.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Members of the