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adopt this amendment at this point in time, that we go on and talk about and look at the larger expense items that are eating us alive, most of which we cannot control--Medicaid, primary example--and then go on and talk about the revenue side and talk about the things that have been happening to us on the revenue side. You know, we've been losing increasing revenues to Internet sales. We've been losing revenues increasingly to catalog sales. We have been losing revenues to LB 775 exemptions. In each one of those three areas, the revenues that we've been losing are somewhere between \$50 million and \$100 million a year. In addition, we cut income taxes in 1995, or thereabouts, and we haven't restored that income tax fully. We're still losing \$70 million to \$80 million a year because of that income tax cut of years ago. If you add just those four items together, in recent years we've clearly been losing \$220 million to \$380 million of revenue that we used to have in the 1980s, in the late 1980s for example.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So I think we really need to take a look at the bigger items, as Senator Brown has suggested. If there are major things we need to cut out of the budget, maybe we need to do that. But we need to address the problem, in my opinion. We're going along here; we're not going to make cuts of the size that will deal with our problem, I don't think. I don't know if we'll address revenue in the scale that's necessary to address our problem. But this amendment really helps us not at all to come to grips with what we need to do. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Vrtiska, on the Redfield amendment, AM3456, to LB 1089.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President. I turned on my light specifically to make a correction in...a statement, a couple statements that Senator Preister made that he wasn't too sure about, and I think it's important that the entire body understand that some of the things he was expressing are not entirely correct. I served on the State Fair Board, as many of you know, and the simulcasting actually makes money. The state...the live racing doesn't make, but altogether they do end