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hundred and some thousand, and next year's projections are for, based on, I assume, these past figures, that same amount of loss. So their figures are showing losses. These may be accounting losses, but when they're not paying the cost of the facility, they're not paying the renovation, these charge-back figures, depreciation figures, are probably fairly accurate and the state is having to pay for those buildings and facilities. So I've gotten some answers, but I'm not sure I fully understand yet. And some people have signed off and say they just accept these are accounting practices. I'm not sure I bought off on that. Thank you.

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

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, Senator Redfield, your cuts in this particular amendment are based on action by the Governor and, in all fairness to the Governor, he did recommend certain cuts. He did recommend some TEEOSA cuts. But he also recommended 112 or so million dollar increase in revenues. Senator Redfield, let me ask you, Senator Redfield, let me ask you,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...if I may, you're following the Governor's lead in suggesting these cuts, are you also amenable to the Governor's lead with regard to the \$112 million or so in revenue increases that he's recommended?

SENATOR REDFIELD: Senator, I'm not very comfortable with raising sales taxes, because I believe that we're already at the top rate to be competitive with the states around us, and that was what I understand he proposed. I did vote for the \$1.10 levy override.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But you're not willing to take the Governor's advice with regard to the revenue increase.

SENATOR REDFIELD: A dollar...