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assuming then those would be taken off the surcharge list. I don't know how that would be administered. I...if Senator Beutler...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BAKER: ...is listening, he'd be welcome to address that. I think that actually I came out in support of just the sales tax, and people are going to say, oh, no, no, no, don't want to do that. That's what this is, folks. I don't know there's very many people in this state don't have electric service, whether it's in a rental property or a house they own. This is a sales tax on their electricity. So you can say, well, let's do this rather than sales tax. I don't think there's a whole lot of difference other than the sales tax, that collection mechanism, is in place. We as merchants, I have no problem with an extra half percent for one year. It comes into the state's revenue stream immediately. It started October 1. It's collected in November and the money is in the stream, the revenue stream. So I think that's very workable, doable. A half-cent sales tax for one year hopefully would get us out of the problems we have with the low-level radioactive waste judgment, because I really fully expect our negotiators to get that figure down from \$151 million to something a little bit more manageable. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion, Senator Bourne, followed by Senator Chambers and others.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I pushed my light on late because I was under the impression that we were going to just discuss this bill and it was going to be pulled, and now it appears that it's a real discussion and I just wanted to express my opposition to the bill. Give you a little background, the Revenue Committee had actually indefinitely postponed this bill earlier in the year and I think it was part of a clean-up measure. We did...we did indefinitely postpone it and then we kind of brought it back because of the judgment, and it's...this bill is still sitting in committee. It's not out of committee yet. I'm not sure if there's votes to bring it out of