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review everybody's income tax returns? Would it be retroactive? Do you review the income tax review from last year to apply that to this year's surcharge? Or is it the end of the year, and then you get a refund back? I'm sure the rules and regulations would have to be worked out on that, but it seems like a nightmare to me. I guess because of all that, I cannot support this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator Burling, followed by Senator Beutler and others.

SENATOR BURLING: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I want to thank Senator Beutler for attempting to address the issue. But I agree with Senator Brashear and others who have said that it's the responsible thing to do to address this up front, especially if it would avoid a special session. But I generally oppose any kind of surcharge for most projects. Some questions I had in my mind when I turned on my light about, I don't know, an hour ago, have been answered. One of them was, how would we determine the low-income level people? And Senator Beutler has indicated that the Power Review Board would implement that part of it. You start out the year intending to have an income over \$20,000, and you pay the surcharge that entire year, and then at the end of the year you find out you didn't have as good a year as you intended, and so you're below \$20,000. I can envision maybe a refund application process that would put a lot of extra work on the power companies. And there's no collection fee that goes to the companies in this amendment, and so that would be an increased cost for these people. It seems to me that it would be better just to go with a straight sales tax increase in the rate, because that's already in place. There would be no...nothing added that would have to take place to implement that. And so it would seem to me that would be a better direction to go. And not only that, but when you're paying a surcharge, you don't have a lot of control over the bill that comes in the mail for the phone bill or the electric bill. If it's on the sales tax rate, you have a little control over how much money you spend, and that results in how much sales tax you pay. So I'm going to oppose the amendment, based on those things, and I return my time to the Chair.