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amendment, but one of the pros is basically this, that this tax is very visible, and it's very related to one thing. And in everybody's mind, in the taxpayer's mind, they're going to understand that this tax on electricity is for this limited purpose for this limited time. And secondly...and that's going to keep the focus on it and get the tax off when the job is done. And secondly, it will be a tax on only one industry. And that industry is going to fight and kick as long as this tax is on to get it off. And so between the two things, between the visibility of the tax and the fact that the industry is going to struggle to get this off, pretty much reassures that it will indeed be a temporary tax. And I would advocate that that is a positive...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...with regard to this particular solution. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler and Senator Price. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion, Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Engel and others.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members. I have just a few comments, and then I would like to ask Senator Beutler a question or two. I very much appreciate the fact that he has taken into consideration those with incomes less than \$20,000 a year. And I'm not certain if that's a magic number, but I do appreciate his consideration of that. I guess, Senator Beutler, if I could ask you,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you respond to a question from Senator Schimek?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: May I ask you a question or two?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Sure. I'm sorry.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Beutler, I appreciate your consideration of low-income in your amendment. I think that alleviates some of my apprehension about this amendment. But I