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also like to utilize the time which Senator Beutler was kind enough to give me to talk a little bit about the fact that on the...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...intensely yellow or the lime green sheet, you notice that we had a section entitled "Protections are already in place!" Bonds are self-regulating, I am going to do this very quickly but to share the information with you. The variable tax rate for debt service on bonds is set each year. Therefore, if the debt service goes down because bonds are retired, the variable tax goes down as well. If the judgment is reversed and the Judgment Fund is used to pay off the bonds, the tax goes down. If the revenues improve and we decide to pay off all or part of the bonds early, the tax goes down. If federal money increases and we decide to set aside more state money for the bonds, the tax goes down. If we decide to set aside money so that we can pay the bonds in 15 years instead of 30 years, the tax goes down. No special action of the Legislature is required to reduce the variable tax rate debt service. By law, the rate is set so as to provide for the debt service.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: If the debt service goes down, the rate goes down.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Bourne, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Originally I was going to yield my time to Senator Baker in interest of fairness that he could counter Senator Brashear but there's been enough people speaking in opposition to Senator Brashear so I'm not going to do that. Listen, I rise in general support of the concept. You know, I don't know how many of you feel frustration like I do. We want to do some efficiencies. We want to streamline and make our mental health system more efficient, and there is a whole chorus of people who have said we can't do that. We want to make some changes to our