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SENATOR MAXWELL: I will return the balance of my time to the Chair. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Maxwell. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. You know I've never been accused of being a fiscal genius, and the more I listen to the debate here today, the less I think I know about the answer to the fiscal problem that we have. I listened to Senator Schrock talk about the value of borrowing, and I have to agree to that extent. I've never been especially successful. What success that I've had has been because I have borrowed money. I started out with nothing. I'm just a little ahead of that today. And a lot of us have borrowed money, obviously. Now whether the state needs to do that, I don't know. But it's a concern, each one of these programs that we're being presented today, one...two have been presented, one will be, have got problems. I don't think anybody would disagree with that. I'm willing to sit and listen some more and hopefully come to a conclusion of which one of these problems, which one of these issues...maybe there is something else out there. Certainly, the bottom line is, and I agree with those that say we have to do something or we will have to come back here and do it at some time, I think that's the bottom line. And with that, I'll give the rest of my time to Senator Bromm, if he wants it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, would you like to use three, forty-eight?

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Brashear, I have had a chance to look at your bill that was killed in the Transportation Committee, and although certainly there are components that are the same as this, I would certainly agree that this does some different things than what that bill did, and I'm not going to stand on the statement that this amendment would require 30. If that question is raised, it will have to be decided but I don't think that's...I'm not going to take the position that it does. I want you to know that. But it seems to me that one of the main enticements for doing this, or something like this, is to avoid