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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Wehrbein, on the Brashear amendment, followed by Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. So there's no misunderstanding, I do rise to oppose this, and I am going to lean toward the income tax, but I...the thing that bothers me most...in fact, I think Senator Brashear has one of the best of ideas and one of the worst of ideas, if I may paraphrase. The best of ideas, it does make sense in a business standpoint to borrow money at 4 percent and utilize that to do whatever you should do. The only thing is, in my mind, it should be for something that is going to be there just like our...let's say universities. They build dormitories, things like that, that are revenue producing, so that they pay back. And even for highways, in fact, I would probably be a little more receptive even with this just building highways, if we thought that there was an advantage. In fact, we've explored this in our committee. The dilemma is if you ramp up to build an increased construction, you ramp...you have to ramp up your staff, your outside consultants, your expenses go up, and you can't...and in addition to finding contractors to do an expanded road building program. So there's a lot of factors in doing something like that. But the main thing I'm opposed to this is mortgaging our future, this, the \$15 billion in California, that seemed to be all Californians bought into that. I'm told it's maybe 60-40 percent. I'm not sure of that. But it simply puts off to the future, off to our kids, our grandkids, something that we can't bite the bullet for, just as our federal government has done in the last 50 years. And I got to thinking about this, say this lawsuit is six to eight years already, when it first started, and we're going to consider 30 more years, or even 15. So we're going to be paying off 25 years from now, 20 years from now, something that happened let's call it, I don't what you want to call it, the issue that happened in the mid-nineties. Talking about putting things off. Why don't we face that responsibility, the citizens of our time? And I guess that's what I have a problem with the bonding thing, it takes