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that the people are maxed out and the funny thing about it, not really funny, from a sales tax standpoint, I believe that from a sales tax standpoint it would actually dampen our short-term consump...the short-term consumer from...consumer demand, I guess, from going out and doing the things that we, I guess, as a state would like our consumers to do. This scares the heck out of me. And then if we go into the income or the property tax angle, we are absolutely discouraging consumption. That makes the sales tax less effective. So from an economic standpoint, again from an macroeconomic standpoint, everything under bullet point two, as far as I'm concerned, while viable, it's just not that macroeconomically sound. I think we've got huge problems from that angle. Now we are in a situation with AM3454 where we're staring at a bonding or borrowing situation. Now sometimes when a family gets into a financial crunch, I've been there, others have too, they borrow. The Nebraska family, I guess if you will, is in a pretty dire strait right now. What Senator Brashear has brought to us is that third viable option. Now,...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR FRIEND: ...I don't know where we got with it, and I don't know where I'd go with it, but let me tell you this, if bullet point two is not an option for me, and I've got people coming to me and saying, hey, what is your solution? Well, smarter minds than me have put this type of idea together and I tell you this, if spending cuts is off the table and we're coming back with a 300, you know, in the out years, staring at \$300 million worth of a shortfall, this is in the strangest way possible one of the most viable options I've seen out here. Maybe this is our only viable option. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Friend. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. To the extent that Senator Brashear's proposal is going to solve the problem of paying the judgment, I support it. I do not believe that we need to raise revenue or I don't believe we need to raise taxes if you take out the potential judgment. If you look at the green sheet, we don't need to raise taxes to get through