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from upstairs, I will file it to the bill. I think this would be a compromise. You're not getting it all from one area. We wouldn't be getting into the trust fund that everyone wants to protect. That's...I get the feeling that that is what they want to do. Senator Bourne made a good argument. Yes, we could take care of it right away. Do we want to do that? It's always been a sacred fund, but we haven't had times like this, not since I've been in the Legislature anyway, and that's 12 years. It's always been protected and maybe that was done for a reason. We do enjoy some fairly good roads in this state, although with an increase in the gas tax, maybe, you know, we would be getting money from out of state, about the only thing that we've got to get from out of state. We don't have anything else in this state that people come to see. We do have the interstate that goes all the way from one end of the state to the other. And you can't go through this state without stopping and getting some fuel somewhere along the line. But I'll give the rest of my time to Senator Beutler, if he'd like to have it, until my bill gets back down. Thank you.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Beutler, you have 2 minutes and 13 seconds.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Jensen...or Janssen, thank you, but I'll pass on this occasion. Thank you.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The lights on now are Senators Brashear, Combs, Schimek and about seven others. Senator Brashear, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I didn't get those acronyms down that Senator Mines was using but I am for something but it appears that...it appears that we do not have 25 people who are for \$275 million bond issue, and I know everybody is just sitting on the edge of their seat, waiting with enthusiasm, to debate their excitement about an income tax increase. And so what I think we'll do, but I want to be clear before I actually ask that this be withdrawn, I have filed, in listening to the debate and in listening to those of you who have counseled that this might have, might have merit if we're creating a Judgment Fund and raising \$155 million in