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SENATOR MINES: Okay. I understand.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's negotiated, you understand, too.

SENATOR MINES: Yes, I do. I certainly do. Thank you for your input. And you know, at this point, you know, I can tell you that there are several on the floor that are completely against the Hartnett amendment, and if necessary, you know, we have...we will proceed with this, and it will take 33 votes to make this happen. I hope, as Senator...what the heck is your name? (Laughter) Senator Beutler. I'm sorry. Things just go through my head a lot.

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR MINES: Sorry.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Mines. Senator Bourne. Waives off. Senator Quandahl.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Thank you, Speaker Bromm, members of the Legislature. I have been listening to the discussion that has been going on for quite some time on the three different proposals that are before us. And one thing that...I have to agree with a number of people on the floor. I have to agree with Senator Beutler that it doesn't appear that there is consensus on any of the three proposals that are before us right now. There aren't 25 votes, there aren't 30 votes, there aren't 33 votes for any of those proposals. I personally can say that I am not particularly enamored with any of the proposals. I don't like the idea of increasing our sales tax. I don't like the idea of increasing our income tax. I'm opposed to the Hartnett amendment. I'm not particularly enamored with the idea of a surcharge on our electric bills. I'm not particularly enamored with the idea of bonding and then having some extra tax put onto our gas tax either. So at the risk of sounding like a CAVE man, as Senator Mines described as being a citizen against everything, I don't want to come across being that way, but I did hear a thread of hope in some of the discussion that was going on. Senator Bourne asked earlier in the day of Senator Wehrbein, if we take the low-level suit, that judgment, out of