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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I will have help from Senator Wehrbein, so I will not be standing alone. And there are others who feel that LB 1090 is important. But I think that I'll just kind of watch my colleagues flounder and then see the matter founder. There's a difference between floundering and foundering. I'm saying that so that the transcribers won't think that I repeated the same word twice. I will observe. I am opposed to any increase in the sales tax and, should it be necessary for me to wage a one-person battle against it, I shall do so. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On with discussion of AM3474. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. First of all, I appreciate Senator Beutler for bringing this forward as to part of the mix. One thing about sales tax is that it is a tax that is immediate or could be immediate. Matter of fact, if we put an E clause on this, it could become effective in July, and before income tax ever took effect, we would have sufficient amount of dollars to take care of this particular issue. And I would certainly be opposed to raising any tax that didn't fall off once sufficient dollars were attained to take care of the judgment. But I think there is a possibility here of working something out. And if Senator Beutler's bill would raise the sales tax by half a cent, \$120 million, perhaps you could even consider a quarter-cent sales tax for one year at \$60 million and then we go back and we do the school issue and raise it to \$1.10. But those are some of the things I think that we need to consider. Yes, I understand there are some people who wouldn't buy that, but, still, there are opportunities here, and I think we need to explore all of those--whether it be a half-cent or a quarter-cent sales tax--would be immediate; and if it was in the range of a quarter-cent I don't think you would have border bleed. I think that we could still achieve what we want to in certainly getting enough dollars to take care of this judgment, which I, frankly, think that we, if we do nothing, if we walk away from here at the end of this session without taking care of that issue, I think that we are not being good stewards of the