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yesterday and this morning, because I think it is imperative that we come to some consensus on what we are going to do in regards to the waste site problem. My preference is, if we have to raise revenues, is the sales tax and for some of the reasons that have been stated previously. I do think it's the most flexible. It's also the most immediate in the fact that we would be able to start collecting those revenues, as has been stated, in October. I also think it's the fairest in the fact that if you buy an item, you pay for it. It would be different, I think, if we had a sales tax on food, but we do not have a sales tax on food in this state. We do not have a sales tax on the necessities, of our utilities. We do have some fees, but we do not have a tax, and I think that's where, when you're talking about fairness, that the fairness issue does come in. I also believe that it is a tax that all people, whether they are visiting our state, passing through our state, do contribute, and I think that this is a fair approach. I did check what some of the neighboring states, as far as their maximum state and local rate, and I thought this was interesting: Illinois, 9.2 percent; Kansas, 8.3 percent, this is in sales tax; Minnesota, 7.5 percent; Missouri, 8.72 percent; North Dakota, 7.5 percent. So I think we're still...if we would do the limited amount for only 12 months, I think that we would still be competitive to...in comparison to our neighbors. When I check with my constituents and I talk about raising revenues, they will always consistently tell me that sales tax, they feel, is the fairest, followed by income tax, by property tax. I do, as I said yesterday, commend Senator Beutler and Senator Brashear for bringing some visionary ideas to us. I just don't believe the surcharge on electricity, I think it unfairly impacts some businesses and could also hamper economic development and bringing new businesses into our state. And, Senator Brashear, I just don't think we're ready yet for the vision that we have in regards to bonding. So again, my preference is the sales tax. I think it does give us some wiggle room. We can come back again next session if things do turn around, if something happens in the process of settling the waste site, but I'm not altogether opposed to looking at a combination. So those are my remarks. Thank you, Mr. President, and I give the rest of my time to the Chair.