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couldn't at least advance Senator Redfield's amendment. I know it wasn't much, but it was something. It would have shown that we could have cut. And it's hard to go back home and show that we don't try to get more cuts. I get hammered in my district--no tax increases. I just get hammered. But I also realize that some of the cuts that we make will turn right into a property tax increase, and that's the worst kind of a tax increase, so I don't enjoy doing that either. So yesterday I sat there. I wasn't going to vote for anything. I was just upset. I didn't know what to do. Wasn't going to vote for anything. But I realize that at the end of next year we're going to have a \$160 million shortfall, in three years it will be \$300 million. That includes the nuke dump lawsuit, if that comes through. And I know if we don't do something, we're going to have huge tax increases probably next year or we're going to have to cut programs, and the problem is my constituents and many of yours all say we should cut, but we're going to have to cut programs and nobody, it seems, wants to cut total programs. I guess...I guess I heard from a colleague that he did, but...but anyway, I was torn. I was very torn. And so I guess I'm going to have...I'm going to have to tell Senator Chambers I apologize, Senator Chambers. Oh, he's not here. Maybe I'll get off the hook. This is the first time I can remember going against Senator Chambers in recent history, but I...(laughter)...I am going to vote for the sales tax increase to pay for the nuke dump. I think that's something that all of Nebraska has to pay and I think that we need to come forward and do it, and so I will support the sales tax increase for that purpose and for that purpose only. And for the rest of the budget, our problems, for my mind...in my mind, we're going to have to find more cuts. But I will support the sales tax at this time for the nuke dump, and I will return my time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I call the question.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question is, shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye; all opposed vote nay. Have you all