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way for this state. We have an opportunity...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...to cover this judgment that is before us. Certainly, my preference would be sales tax. I'm willing to look at any other possibility, however. But to go out and extend, first of all, taking sales tax, that's what you're...or the gasoline tax is what you're going to increase to pay off this indebtedness, and then to pay to take that \$300 million and run it to \$400 million, has already been said, doesn't make good economic sense to me. And I certainly do not want to bring debt to the future generations of this state. And also I have great, great concern that once we start down this road, in the future anytime there's a shortfall, we'll find a way to float bonds to pay that debt. I also think that is absolutely wrong and it would be wrong for this body to start down that road.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Brashear, followed by Senator Beutler, on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. In order that you not hold any prejudice you might feel about the delay in this afternoon's vote-taking against me, I want to make it clear that I'm willing to vote at any point in time. But if we're going to talk, then I guess I should exercise my right and privilege and duty to speak also. And I want to refer first...I have several points I'd like to make, but I want to refer first to Senator Bromm's last speech. I want to make it clear that I have no difficulty with Senator Bromm changing the statute with regard to interest as it relates to future judgments. I'd be happy to join that effort if we can set it at some reasonable methodology that allows for fluctuation and variation which is what should have been done, of course, in the first place. But I want to make certain that nobody here is deceived and then later reclaim once again with that we just don't understand and nobody could have known. The