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to a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Engel, would you yield?

SENATOR ENGEL: Yes, Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Earlier you had asked me to yield you some time, and if you promise to use some of those fancy Latin phrases like Senator Brashear, I will yield you the time.

SENATOR ENGEL: Well, I tell you what. I can say *et cum spiritu tuo* in Latin, and I think everybody understands that, so I don't have to explain it. I just want to speak briefly, if you can understand me, I have the problem Senator Kremer has. One thing about Senator Brashear's solution to this problem is that when I believe in raising the gas tax, on the border area where I live, already we are about 5.5 cents higher than the state of Iowa, and we're losing a lot of our business over there. We're taxing ourselves out of something to tax. But I know we need good roads so I don't mind that so much, but if you raise that another 1.5 cents, it's just probably going to devastate the retailers, retail gas stations up in my area. So I don't think that's the way to pay for this. Another thing that's concerned me is the obligation of obligating the future generations as far as paying this back. And probably more so than that is once...I think once we open this gate that we're opening up, there's always going to be worthy projects coming up in the future,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ENGEL: ...they're so worthy that, well, let's bond again. Let's do the same thing, let's tap this resource and increase this bonding privilege that we have. And that concerns me very much. So I'd still like to go back to what came out of Appropriations that, I mean, the decisions that was to be made in the Revenue Committee but as far the utilizing the half cent sales tax for this next year to get us out of the bind we're in. So thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel and Senator Bourne.