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not be so off the wall after all. So I'm going to decide for myself what I think under the circumstances is the best course for us to take. Now we're going to stay on this until you all tell me as you stand up that you think we ought to do nothing. And when enough senators say we should do nothing, that means we're not going to go anywhere and then maybe I'll release LB 1090. But there are people who still feel that something can be done, and maybe it's Senator Brashear's proposal. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on FA1649 which is an amendment to AM3477 to LB 1090. Further discussion on that amendment? Senator Stuthman, followed by Senator Dwite Pedersen. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. The first few words out of my mouth shall be let's do nothing. But one of the comments that I want to make and I wanted to discuss this a little bit with Senator Brashear, but before I get into any conversation with him and maybe I won't ever get into the conversation with him on this issue, but the comments made by Senator Baker about this being a gas tax to replace some of this and the main issue that I am concerned with is that the funds that are allocated down to the cities, municipalities, villages, and the counties, according to Senator Baker, will be cut by the possibility of \$7 million. What does this really do? This really then becomes an additional property tax on property to keep these projects going or to fund the projects that are in...in what I would call, you know, the one- and six-year road plans which are adopted by the municipalities and the counties. So that will be an additional property tax, where that will come from. So that is...that is a concern that I really have of, you know, what is really going to happen, you know, when we take money away or out of a pocket that we have the money in, that is really designated for special items. So this is very much of a concern of mine. And in all practicality, like Senator Chambers said that, you know, if enough of us say let's do nothing, maybe that's the route to go. And that...that's kind of where I'm standing right now, but the conversation and the listening has been very, very encouraging to me. The comments from the Speaker, Senator Bromm, about the