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had to support it twice. They had to support the temporary tax and then they had to support the regular tax. So if there's any change from this one year, it has to be, if we pass this amendment, it will have to be this year. If you want to extend it beyond this year, there would have to be another vote. The people of the...the members of the body would have to pass, 25 or whatever the number is, would have to vote again. So I think that's...this is for one year. Mine was for two years. I had a different purpose. I think the...our cash reserve is low and I listened to the chairman of Appropriations Committee when we started this debate yesterday morning about 9:00 on this bill, LB 1090, was we had Senator Brashear's proposal. We had Senator Beutler's proposal. They had my proposal. And he said...and I think Senator Wehrbein said we shouldn't do "D," we shouldn't do the other. We need to do something this year to start the process even though it doesn't bring any money in, it starts the process to build up the cash reserve and so I support this part of the divided question. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Stuthman, you're the next speaker.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. As I had stated the last time I was to the mike here, the fact that do nothing was what my approach was then, is still then now. One other thing that concerns me, and I was in favor of the income tax on the initial round of it of raising some of the income tax, but I have been studying and looking at a couple alternatives and I think this would be an issue that the legislative body needs to address in the future. We continually talk about and asking people for more from what they are getting. We continually tax them. We want to take a little bit more of the income tax off of what they're already getting. I think our emphasis should be on looking at the other side of developing, economic developing, creating more jobs, letting people earn more money so that income tax will come automatic because the people have earned more. They have better jobs. They get in a different bracket so we don't have to raise the percent on what they're already getting. I think that's where emphasis should really be put. The example yesterday when we was talking about the surcharge on the electric bill and I had