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could do something on motor vehicles area that there would be less resistance to the sales tax issue. But we do not charge a sales tax for food and, as I said previously, for utilities, are basic. But I will not support this proposal unless there is a sales tax component. So what I'm thinking right now is that with the conversations that have been going on and dividing the question that I may have to vote against this portion because I don't want to be left with only the income tax part of it. So here we are in a dilemma. And with that, I will give the rest of my time back to the Chair. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Beutler, your light is next. Senator Beutler waives. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'm starting to hear discouraging words. This is not "Home on the Range" because, Senator Stuhr, that is where "never is heard a discouraging word," never, and the clouds, I meant "the skies are not cloudy all day," but they might be some of the day. But here's the thing that I would ask my colleagues to consider. There is all of this discussion going on based on the existence of a judgment against the state. Some people have said they don't think we need to do anything. I had mentioned three people by name, I had failed to mention "Baron" Tyson. He said he made it crystal clear that he doesn't want to do anything either. Well, that's the way it always is with him, but he hadn't made it clear that on this specific thing he was following his usual practice of not wanting to do anything and I didn't want to put words in his mouth. But he told me that he thinks there's no need to do anything. The only ones who seem to think strongly that something has to be done are Senators Beutler and Brashear. There may be others, but I haven't detected from anybody else a strong position going in that direction. Senator Wehrbein has counseled caution. If an error is made, it should be made on the side of being prepared. But that's not the same as saying that something has to be done right now. I think he'd like to see something done. Senator Hartnett, by offering an increase in the income tax, wants to see something be done. I just want to see something happen. And right now I don't have any objection to the way the body is proceeding. Everything is all right with me today, and we're