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with a proposal for this combination sales and income tax that won't do the job. So then what's going to happen next year when we come in and we say it didn't do the job? Well, then we have to go back and increase those taxes. And I think that makes us look like we don't know what we're doing. I would far rather at this moment not do anything than to do something that is inadequate. And so for that reason, I can't support the combination of the sales and income tax because I don't think it accomplishes anything. It gives us an attempt that we're trying to solve a problem and we're not doing it. So for that reason, I'm afraid that I have to say that I can't support either one of these proposals. If I thought that it would actually accomplish something, if it would raise a sufficient amount of funds to really do something, then I think that's the direction we should be going. We're not going in that direction now so I would rather that we didn't do anything than to do an inadequate job. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Janssen, you're recognized, and this is your third time to speak, Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right. Thank you, Senator Schimek. You know, I listened to Senator Pederson. I have all the respect in the world for him. But, you know, unless something drastic happens, I'm going to be back here for four more years unless I croak. But those of us that are going to be here are going to be faced with this problem...guarantee you we're going to be faced with this problem of the low-level waste thing. This has been boiling for a long, long time and it's finally coming to a head. And I can't...with Senator Brashear's proposal, you know, I can't in all good conscience do something with that fund. I live in a district that is blessed with some good roads. Within the next few years, we'll have two major expressways going right through my district and also some grade overpasses that the city of Fremont has been asking for, for a long time, it's going to happen. So how can I stand here and, I know we've been told nothing is going to get hurt. How can you guarantee that? You can't. You know, and what...I sat and listened, as I said before, at three options. We're going to have to pay this sometime. To me, we'd better get something in place. I'd like