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saying, why kick a dead horse? You know, that's probably what's going to happen here, too. But what we do here is change the sales tax portion. We increase it by one-fourth of a percent, .25 percent increase in the sales tax and that would run from 10-1-04 to 10-1-05 and it would raise approximately \$61 million a year. But there again, with the...with what happened with the income tax, and I'm sure I know what's going to happen with the sales tax, too, I doubt very much whether that's going to make a big total. You know, we had...we started out with \$158 million. Well, we just lost \$51 million and we have divided out the electrical surcharge there so what's going to happen, hey, who knows? Look for some discussion. I'm sure Senator Chambers will lead the charge on the sales tax portion. But there again, it is \$61 million a year. Will anyone notice that? Probably not. When people come into my store, do they look at what the sales tax portion is? Very, very seldom, you know. A lot of people don't know there's no sales tax on food, you know. They'll come in and buy lunchmeat and they say, well, does that include tax? Well, I'm sorry, there's no tax on that. They don't know that. That's how much people really pay attention to sales tax. With that, I'm sure Senator Chambers has got a few amendments started and would like to talk on this a little bit longer. But we're down to one portion, down to one portion now. With that, thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the Janssen amendment. (FA1656, Legislative Journal page 1435.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on your amendment to the Janssen amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I'm going to temporarily withdraw this one, maybe permanently. But my thought was basically this. There were a couple of people that came and said I can't vote for this because if I vote for this that will have been adopted then to LB 1090 and how do I know the sales tax part will get adopted? Well, if