

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

April 1, 2004 LB 1090

revenue-raising suggestions for this year. What's the conclusion that a person like I have is, is that I look at the fiscal situation and it looks the same as it did to me yesterday, that there is no cash crunch that would necessitate a tax increase this year. And so I would urge my colleagues to stick to that. If you're not sure, if you're not absolutely sure that you need to raise taxes, don't do it. And I think the musings yesterday was, is that there aren't 25 votes for any of these tax-raising suggestions this year. And I think that's true then and I think that's true now and I think that it would probably save us a bunch of time if we just did not vote for those tax-raising proposals at this time. And so I stand in opposition to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: ...Senator Janssen's FA1655. I would urge you to say no to this particular proposal. I would also urge you to say no to any further attempts to raise income taxes, to raise sales taxes, to raise gas taxes, to put an electrical surcharge, because it isn't necessary. Just say no.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Quandahl. Further discussion on the Janssen FA1655. Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek. She waives the opportunity to speak. Senator Hartnett. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator, my good colleague behind me, Senator Quandahl, said just say no. And I guess he and I are not going to be here next year, but I guess I went over and looked at the year 2006 and 2007 and I see a number in parentheses of \$296,200 and...million, thank you, I'm always in thousands, \$296,297,345--\$160 million of that is in the budget or is in the thing for the low-level and it's probably higher than that. And if you subtract that, you come up with a figure of \$130 million that's, you know, you can...don't do it, you know, maybe this year. But that's where I was coming with income tax because we did not make the change to \$1.10 with the...take care of the schools. But that's something that this body, so next year or the year before, you know, maybe you can't keep saying no unless there's lots and