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Senator Cudaback.

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

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend.
(FA1671, Legislative Journal page 1499.)

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

SENATOR BEUTLER: I've put up an amendment just tentatively to get a feel for the body for putting in an infusion of about the \$10 million from the motor vehicle sales tax. This amendment is not that amendment. It's a holding amendment so that the bill is not advanced while we have an opportunity to discuss it. If there's no interest in this, fine, we can move on. But if we can resolve in 15 minutes to a half-hour and have a vote on closing this gap that we've created now of one more \$10 million, I think it would be...I think it would be wise to do that. So I will simply leave...stop talking and leave the discussion open to get a feel for how different people may feel about this. But it makes sense to me to fill the gap. If you don't want to increase the fuel tax, maybe we need to reallocate a little bit of the fuel tax, and I'm sure Senator Chambers doesn't mind doing that. And if it can be done on a one-time basis and fill our \$10 million gap, boy, I think we should take care of it. And I'd be interested and see what you all think. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on the Beutler amendment, FA1671, to LB 1065. Open for discussion. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler, I am interested in your proposal. And I realize this comes up short. That's why I liked the committee amendments better than the Wehrbein amendment. I had input on what Senator Wehrbein did on that, and if he'd have been one vote short I'd have probably been there. But we do have a gap, and I think there's going to be more than four plants, so I think we're going to be talking ethanol next year. Senator Chambers, can you answer a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, would you respond to a