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and we don't have the means in the rest of our budget to take care of what seems to be the developing future that we could expect. That is a problem with this exist...this budget at the current moment. On the other hand, I have to think that it actually reflects where the public is at this moment, and that is that they don't want to raise taxes until the bill is in front of them and they need to pay it. I think Senator Brashear is right. I think prescient, sensible, sound judgment that took into effect the strategic future of the state would put aside money now to do this. But even though that could be done by an enlightened despot, or a benevolent king, or a person who spoke in one voice, it would ultimately have to go back to a sense of legitimacy for the public. And my read is, at the moment, that legitimacy doesn't exist, that the public will gulp and do this when they have to, and that day is not now, even though it will cost them more to wait. So while I indicated three different things that I would vote for to raise funds, in the end, I didn't think it would happen. I think we're here. I think it's an unfortunate and difficult place, but I think it's the gap between where the public is and what we can see over the rise immediately ahead. We can see what's going to happen in a year or two years. We know it's coming, and we're uncertain. We're uncomfortable with it. We know that that problem is there. But we are not girding up and taking on that problem, because we don't have a relatively clear, powerful ally, and that's the public, who says, you're right, this problem has to be attended to, you have our concurrence and approval, agreement, to step up, raise taxes, and pay for your obligations. And frankly, that's something that I think we're going to need to wait for. And when we do, it will be painful, because it will have cost us more. It will have cost us more. I think I am in a minority when I say I would raise taxes now. And I don't berate the majority for the view that they have, because I think it is tethered to not an indifference to the future, and not an indifference to the budget, but a desire to make sure that the public moves with us when we make that change, rather than moving ahead. So that while I have differences with many of my colleagues on that front, I don't denigrate your positions, because I think there is...I understand the need to develop legitimacy for actions like a tax increase. I think the future holds that and justifies that. But I understand why I'm in the