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Chair.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. The Chair now recognizes Senator Don Pederson to speak. Senator Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Madam President, members of the Legislature, ordinarily in this situation I would stand up and say, we want to do something that's going to get rid of \$6 million worth of revenue? And I would say, no, we don't want to do that. But in this particular case, I think this is something that we absolutely have to do. I've...I have verified that what would happen in this situation is they can't get a fiscal note on what will happen when the amendment is done until the amendment is passed, and so at that time we will know what the figure is. But I think this is something, we were never intending when we did this tax on...in the matters that we're talking about today, we never intended to take advantage of anyone. We were simply trying to open and broaden our tax base. And I think in this particular case, this simply clarifies what we were intending to do. And I think that up until now it's been in the air and it's basically not fair, and I think that what is proposed in the amendment is absolutely something that we need to do, irrespective of the fact there will be a fiscal note that will go with that in the form of loss of revenue. But I think we have to be fair to our taxpayers. Probably, when we did the tax on...in that particular bill that this is part of originally, there's probably nothing that I heard more complaints about than the way in which that was being applied and used and what we were trying to do, and I don't remember all of the adjectives that went with it, but I think you probably know some of them yourselves. But I think this is something we have to do. I would urge that we adopt both the amendment and the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Cudaback, you are the next in line to speak.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President, members, if there's one issue that I have received many phone calls, many letters and many conversations with my constituents, it's this issue here, when we passed this. I mean it's really a...I mean, it really