

tax base instead of broadening it? Is that wise policy? The policy before you is not was there a mistake and should it be corrected. We spoke to that, not once, but twice, directly spoke to that and said we don't correct our mistakes, it's wrong for us to do that. We don't care where it came from. If we've got \$2.7 million of revenue, we can't look a gift horse in the mouth, you've got to take that money. That's what the issue is. And we have said that, we said it twice. I don't think we just push this along and say this is a mistake. Let's get down and see if this policy is right. Let's talk about whether...whether or not we ought to be having a sales tax on services, whether we ought to be restricting our tax base. Let's talk about how are we going to replace that \$2.6 million that we're not going to be receiving. Who are we going to cut out? Who is not going to be getting their money? Is it going to be the developmentally disabled? Is it going to be the teachers? Is it going to be state aid to the locals? Is it going to be no pay raise for the state employees? Where are we going to get the money from? And let's not talk about the fact that it's never been collected, because that's irrelevant. Sentences were never imposed, and it didn't bother us to...well, I shouldn't say sentences were never imposed, but most judges were not imposing it, 40 out of the 50 were not, so that's not the issue. The issue is, should we lose this money or not? And that's what we're looking at, and that's why the bracket motion is up. I wanted to slow this thing down because we can't just let these things slide by. Sure, it was a mistake, but that's all right. We can't let these things slide by, we've got to be looking at the policy each time, that's what's important here. I'm going to be sitting here listening and I'm hoping Senator Coordsen is going to give us some good policy reasons, some good policy reasons for why we should be adopting this. I hope Senator Coordsen is going to give us some idea of how are we going to replace that revenue, or what are we going to cut to make up for it? Who is not going to...whose ox is going to get gored in the out year where we have a 100 million dollar shortfall because we don't adopt this? I hope Senator Coordsen and the other cosponsors, who I might note, if you look at how the vote is done on the policy in the past, have said we don't correct the mistakes. And I hope those sponsors are going to stand up and tell us where we're going to replace the revenue. We can't just let these things slide by, and I hope all of you will be asking these same questions.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Withem, your light is next.