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SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't agree with the way parts of it are done. Right.

SENATOR TYSON: Okay, fine. What is your solution?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, through a series of amendments, Senator, I'll suggest how I might modify this...how this solution could be modified. And beyond that, my solution is to delay this, not necessarily that this is the wrong decision but it's...it may be the right decision fundamentally, conceptually. It may be the right decision at the wrong time.

SENATOR TYSON: Well, we...

SENATOR BEUTLER: You, Senator, had been voting against all of these budget revenue bills...

SENATOR TYSON: Yes, I have.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and yet this particular bill is going to require us to lay down extra heavy new equipment costs, plus contribute to...probably to the funding of construction and the bill is not clear in that regard, but there are a whole new series of unknown costs here and I would think that you, more than anybody, would be concerned about the fiscal requirements on the state.

SENATOR TYSON: Senator Beutler and members of the body, we have been waiting some time for this now. We have been putting this off. We put it off during times when we had a surplus of money. And now we're going to put it off...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: ...some more, even though the need continues. And we're talking about public safety; we're talking about emergency management; we're talking about police; we're talking about fire, ambulance. But we can put it off some more. I would suggest to you that we can't put it off. At some point in time, we have to do something. Now, if Senator Beutler or anyone else has amendments that they think would make this a