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long, drawn-out, hard struggle to achieve a goal if I can do it in a more easy manner? Certainly not. But in order to get certain things done, I know much work must be expended. There are people on this floor who can be affected and influenced by others not on this floor. But nevertheless, those on the floor are subject to whatever is going to be done on the floor. They are the ones who will have to sit here, hour after hour, day after day. And they might decide that since they're the ones here, they may as well do some of the things that they came here for. Why, when you run for office, do you want to go out and praise yourself for all the wonderful things you've done, when you know you have not stood up, you have not assumed a position of leadership on various issues, you have run and hidden? Why then do you want to go out and tell the people you've done so much? If, on the other hand, you want to make those representations of yourself to the public, why don't you do it? If there is something that it would embarrass you to have mentioned publicly, why do you do it? Or if you do it, why are not you more careful to make sure nobody finds out about it? When I talk about the slave holding and the sexual abuse of teenagers by Thomas Jefferson, why are white people today going to justify that and praise it? And if he wouldn't like it, why did he do it? People have to realize that actions are performed by individuals, and individuals have names. And if their conduct is unworthy, then let them accept the consequences of engaging in unworthy conduct. I don't want to see an increase in the sales tax standing alone or in combination with something else. And I want Senator Schimek and Senator Hudkins to know that I heard her say a combination. And I was trying to acknowledge that. Maybe I didn't make it clear. I did hear what she said. And she's not the first one to say that. And if it comes to criticizing people for their position on the sales tax, she didn't offer a proposal to raise the sales tax. The only one who I think got a vote on a sales tax was me. And not only did I get a vote once; I made you vote twice. I wanted to reduce the sales tax. And I didn't pull mine, did I? And do you think I felt I had a chance to prevail? No. Was I serious? As a heart attack. And you voted no once, and I moved to reconsider. And I explained that you're voting against a tax reduction. And I took my lumps on it a second time. So around here it might be wise, although people are not going to accept