

SENATOR HABERMAN: If they do these things, I haven't been contacted by business to vote for LB 145. If it's such...oh, I forgot, Senator Rasmussen, thank you, too. So if somebody or people, women or men, will contact me who run businesses of 100 employees or more and say, hey, I need the Legislature to pass this bill so I can do these things, I don't want to do it on my own, then I'll stand and listen. I might have a whole different story. So until it's accepted, I say let's not advance LB 145. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Robinson, you're next.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President and members of the body, there was a comment that was referenced to me just a few minutes ago by Senator Morrissey, and we were talking about the teacher pay bill and I said something about women teachers, and that's what I meant to say. Now if I wanted to say men and women teachers, I would have said that. But I meant to say women teachers. Now that was not a sexist comment, folks. Now I don't know how the good senator from Tecumseh could get into my body and know what I should be saying. I knew what I was saying and I knew what I meant to say. I just wanted to...I just wanted to let my good friend...there he is, by gosh, I know what I wanted to say. I don't need some young kid from Tecumseh to tell me what I want to say. I know what I want to say, and I will tell you, I can't believe, boy, we have got to be real...we are real fragile around here. I thought, and I was listening to Senator Haberman. Senator Haberman, I know how you feel because I was in the barrel the other day. Senator Crosby and Senator Morrissey had me in the barrel. I know just how you feel. It feels pretty good sometimes. Now I know you make those sexist comments but you repented, and I like a person that repents. I think that is great that you repent. You know it is interesting. What are we doing? We are laying it on, whether we like it or not, we are laying it on the businesses. Do you know what the feds are doing to us? They are laying it on us. Medicaid, 13.8 million, we are all crying our eyes out. We don't like it because we are getting it laid on us. Number two, had three calls in the last two days, I don't know if any of you folks have. There are four or five thousand signs out there someplace that have to be changed, and I will tell you the natives don't like it because it is going to cost us money. It is mandated like this is being mandated. Now I am not sure...I