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Did you say one minute, or time? Thank you. I want to make...The other thing, as I spoke earlier, we are talking actually, and the reason we're here is because of the Medicaid shortfall, because of the match money that we are not getting from the federal government. And so here we are pitting the needy against the needy. That, for me, is absolutely a terrible way to try to solve our budget problems. Senator Lindsay, I cannot believe you introduced this bill. I agree when you...

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SENATOR CONWAY: Time.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...I know we have problems, but I'll speak again. I think that the time comes when we can't take it out on the unfortunate people who can't fend for themselves. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Chambers, your light is on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, when it comes to issues like this, I acknowledge that I cannot make anybody do right, but I want to do all in my power to make it as difficult as possible for them to do wrong. And I think it is wrong to hurt these people. I've never professed, since I've been in this Legislature, to be a religious person, I don't make that profession now. I don't need any thunderbolts or lightning from God, if there be a God, as you all say there is, to make me open my eyes and see people who are hurting. It doesn't take anything supernatural. Just having ordinary, common pedestrian ability to appreciate the agony of somebody else is sufficient for me. I don't need to be promised a heaven, or threatened with a hell. I will talk about the Bible, I'll talk about Christianity and those principles, even though I don't believe they're true, because you all say you believe it. And whether I believe it or not makes no difference. If I stated accurately and you'd believe it's true, it's no less true just because I, who don't believe it, say it. And the Jesus that you all say you worship spent so much time with the poor and doing things to try to alleviate the hurt that poor people feel, he's the one who gave the parables. He talked about this poor widow who went to church, and all of the great people were going with flourishes to put their offerings in so they could receive a lot of credit. Then this poor widow took here mite, m-i-t-e, a very tiny piece of money, and put it in.