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Okay, thank you, Senator Moore. Here I have been feeling sorry for Senator Moore thinking that the pressures of being Appropriations Chair was causing him to be this, but this is...he took the chair because it gives him a chance to just work out the way he feels. But in reality the way I see these young people responding to Senator Moore, I know that there is a streak of goodness in him as there is in everybody. So when I'm critical of him, I don't want him to think that I feel is he just out and out a cad, even though I might use that descriptive term. And I believe everybody in here, as Senator Schmit said, would vote for every bill if it didn't hurt anybody, if it didn't help anybody, if it didn't do anything and it didn't cost anything. That would be ideal. But we're at one of those junctures now where we're dealing with a bill that doesn't do anybody any good but it does do some harm. And to rectify the harm that this bill would do is not going to cost the state that much money. So this is one of those things where we can do a great amount of good for people who are in the greatest need without it costing the state very much money. But as a symbolic attack on waste in spending or run-away welfare, it's a nice target for any politician to attack. And you can see it being done at the national level and in states throughout the country. But those who are attacking these kinds of things are not attacking other expenditures and wastages of money that do far more damage to the society and deplete the treasury. You can see them talking about reopening an obsolete, unnecessary base down in Florida that Hurricane Andrew demolished for the government. They didn't have to pay the demolition costs. But because votes are down there, they're talking about rebuilding it and don't need it. And the persons...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...who might be in that base are being mustered out of the service. But once again, the exigencies of political ambition are taking priority over the needs of the people. Sometimes I make up words, sometimes I don't. Sometimes those words that sound made up are not, and some of those that sound like real words really aren't. But if a collection of syllables sounds like they fit, then you just go ahead and use them. But anyway, the point that I'm trying to get to is that if LB 20 passes as it does, it doesn't cut much out of the budget. It doesn't cut much out. But for those who are being hurt, it takes away everything and that, I think, is not appropriate. I have made some critical comments about