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SENATOR NELSON: Senator Robak made me forget what I was going to say. (Laughter.) I guess my memory came back. When we debated this bill a few years back, Senator Landis, help me out, wasn't this a 7.2 adjustment that we were talking about at that time? Maybe my memory hasn't failed me this much yet, but I recall it when we had this 772 and 773 and 775 it was 7.2 million

SENATOR LANDIS: This was in 772, I think, with the...

SENATOR NELSON: No, that was the tax, but in...

SENATOR LANDIS: Yeah.

SENATOR NELSON: ...these adjustments it was a 7.2 shift that we had at this time. I'm sorry, Senator Robak.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, there's no way I can let Senator Landis's comments without being addressed. He is trying to make this a gender issue because he does not want to deal with the real issue. You all know that I have no truck with or for the "Repelican" party. I have been very critical when people at the national level have used their office in a way that I thought benefited them or their friends and I feel the same way about the Democrats. Senator Landis, of all people, is the last one who ought to stand on this floor and say that there is not something here that doesn't appear right when a person is in a position to have the Governor's ear and a bill comes out of the Governor's office that benefits or can benefit in a financial way a spouse. The male could have been working there and I would say the same thing if the female spouse were a lobbyist. Does he think that we live in a vacuum or this is a perfect world where politics does not play and money does not determine people's conduct? Why are people lobbyists? Because they're hired. What are they hired to do? To look after the interests of their client and the lobbyist's job is to try to influence anybody at any level that he or she can to bring about the result that the client wants. So maybe Senator Landis is off in a world where he thinks there is nothing here that appears untoward. Did you all hear me say I don't...there is nothing illegal about this? I remember reading in the newspaper, the World-Herald, how