

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator
Bernard-Stevens. Senator Bernard-Stevens waives. Senator
Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, now we've come to the end. We've got a bill which is like a piece of filigree lace. There is more space to it than substance. There is nothing here, and I am not trying to offend those who put a lot of time and work into fashioning what we have before us, but a lot of bills have been added to this that we have before us. It is a hodgepodge, and a little bit of this, a little bit of that, a little bit of the other. It is not going to result in anything, and if it's presented to the public as a means of reducing property taxes, I'd say whoever presents it in that fashion is being disingenuous. It is not an honest and forthright characterization of what LB 1085 is, and I know people are going to say it is part of a master plan and all the other things that legislators say when they want to give the impression that something is being done when nothing is being done. Let me tell you, I like magic. I like illusion, sleight of hand, legerdemain, and I learned something by watching 60 Minutes. Mohammed Ali, he has Parkinson's syndrome, and yet he took this piece of cloth and worked it into his hand, he didn't have his sleeves, and opened his hands and it was gone. He amazed Fidel Castro and the other people who were watching, and I certainly was amazed, but since Ali is a Muslim, his interpretation of his religious obligations is that he cannot deceive people, and you should never make anybody think there is such a thing as magic. But before he explained it, he shook that cloth right back out, and produced it. What he showed, and I should have figured it out myself but didn't, was that they have a false thumb, and they work it into that thumb. It's a thumb that fits over the thumb. I never figured it out. I thought it was magic. That's was the last bit of magic that I really believed in and it was taken away from me by one of the most visionary people who ever walked the face of this earth. That's Mohammed Ali. But at any rate, this bill is not as effective in creating an illusion as that thumb, but it will have the effect of doing so because it's so lengthy. There are so many different, to me, incongruous elements put together between the covers of this thing that most people will not take the time to read it. I bet there is not one senator on the floor right now who knows everything that's in this bill. There