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has the power to do, as Senator Hilgert correctly pointed out, there are some things that the Legislature ought not do even though it has the power to do. This that is being requested this morning ought to be viewed as a precedent. If you're going to do it for these two people then, since we're not going to change the law and do away with the statute of limitations, we have to make the public get the idea that we are a prudent body of lawmakers even though we're going to disregard that part of the law, our practice will have to become one of granting every request of this nature, whether it's 50 cents or 50 million dollars. The amount involved is not the issue. The question is whether or not a statute of limitations in the revenue laws has any integrity. Does it mean anything or does it not?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If it means something then it makes a statement and puts a period, not those three dots at the end which means this is the statement, however, we're leaving it hanging because we may not really mean what we're saying. I do not think it would be wise to approve of these two claims. I'm glad that Senator Redfield pointed out that she and I had opposed them, but some of the committee members felt that having taken that decision initially they had to stick by it. The rest of the Legislature need not do so.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. President, members, Senator Chambers is a very hard act to follow, maybe because he's 100 percent right. But as Governor Johanns learned, there are 49 state senators and we all think differently. We all have our opinions and my opinion is that in this case we could suspend the rules and go ahead and give the money back due to the fact that it's not any doubt, there's no doubt at all, if there's any doubt I would not be for giving one penny back, but in this case they overpaid and it won't be costing the state one red dime (sic) because they should have given the money back to start with. I just want to say the law is explicit. Senator Chambers, Senator Redfield I think is 100 percent right. They are right and maybe we shouldn't be doing this. But I guess I'm a pushover. I'm a