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SENATOR COORDSEN: (Gavel)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen, appreciate that.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Now that was a 20-penny hammer.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, appreciate that. Now what was I...I lost my place, George, Senator Coordsen, excuse me. Anyhow, we're micromanaging the situation. Why are we doing this? We have good people in Health and Human Services. It looks to me like they should be given the authority to contract accordingly. If they see it's too high, they should be able to lower it. I just don't like the whole situation and I think we're going to come back and find that we have to redo this again. Most items that are put in the legislation that deal with dollars have to be looked at again in a year or two. I think it's just bad policy. Maybe we need to lower them. Maybe they are receiving too much money. I don't know. Maybe they should be getting 60 cents instead of 90 cents. I don't know. I think that should be left up to the people who are knowledgeable and understand and they can contract with our taxi cabs and so on.

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Let them decide. Why do we want to micromanage? And I guess that's about all I have to say. I know I should probably save my breath to cool my oatmeal, but I had to say it and get it off of my chest here and I said it so thank you for listening I hope.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Byars, please, on the motion to return.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Senator Coordsen, members of the body. And it does my heart good to hear Senator Cudaback say that he actually has been wrong once. I never caught that time and I'm certain none of the rest of us have. I spoke on this issue briefly when we were on Select File, acknowledging that I missed Senator Bohlke's amendment when it was filed and I was not heads up on this issue and was quite shocked when we ended