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at and that's what I think is wrong. Even if everybody else votes the other way now, I'm still not going to vote for it. And I have bills out there. I have a prioritized bill that hasn't even been debated. Do I care if you kill it? Yes, I care. I wouldn't have prioritized it if I didn't want it. But is the threat of killing a prioritized bill of mine going to make me change how I vote? Certainly not. Is a threat from the Governor to veto a bill of mine going to change what I say when I think he's wrong? Certainly not, but I see what my colleagues do and you even tell me. Then you have the nerve sometimes to stand on this floor and speak with righteous indignation about something. Then you're going to run right out of here and ask the Governor, Governor, if I do this...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...will you give me a break on my bill. How can I respect that? Well, you don't care whether I respect you or not. But you might care if somebody does and, if they know that's how you are, how can those you care about respect you? I want to put it right in front of us in these stark terms because, as Senator Kristensen said with respect to another aspect of this, we're making decisions here today and we're also stripping away some covers and we're taking off some masks and we're showing that principle for some people is merely a word and they don't know whether to spell it "p-l-e" or "p-a-l" at the end.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers, and that was only your second time, Senator Chambers. Senator Suttle, followed by Senator Landis and Chambers. Senator Suttle.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I find it interesting the vote that was just taken. I was under the impression that the people who voted for this were conservative and fiscal conservatives as well, but I would say they were pretty big spenders. Two million dollars is two million dollars. They would rather spend \$2 million for the television stations than they would for children or for juvenile justice or for just about anything else, I guess. I don't find that my priorities start with that; that a television station should get an exemption of sales tax. I don't find that that is