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SENATOR VRTISKA: I am...I did want to say that I do support Senator Coordsen's idea. I think it has some merit, from the standpoint that we have had an inflationary time, and this has been around a long time. And I think, given the discussion, and I'm going to listen to more, I would be tempted to support his amendment. With that, thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Chambers, on the Coordsen amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, at first blush, I was opposed to what Senator Coordsen had offered. I read it some days ago. But in light of the discussion and the status of the bill, where we're listing categories, I think his amendment is reasonable, and we ought to return this amount to \$100. As critical as I am of members of the Legislature and other public officials...sometimes in jest I am doing that...I doubt that people are going to be corrupted by receiving a gift of \$100 from somebody who is not a lobbyist. Maybe they won't even be corrupted if they receive it from a lobbyist. But when it comes to the lobbyist, we and other officials do have to be very concerned about the appearance. And I think the public is entitled to have officials who are not just accepting money from these lobbyists. Because if you said \$100 a month, that translates into \$1,200 a year, \$1,200 a year from lobbyists. It would be hard to show the public that our work is of such nature that it's necessary for us to be receiving \$1,200 a year, not in the aggregate from all the lobbyists, but if there are 12 lobbyists and each of them gives us \$1,200, well, 12 times 12 is 144, or probably \$14,000. So it becomes a different kind of a situation on the lobbyist side. Listening to the trouble and the turmoil that my seatmate, Senator Thompson, goes through in trying to calculate how much this gift is, I don't want any of you all to go through those kind of agonies. And to be frank, that is not where my major concern is when it comes to the reporting. And this is what the senators and other officials are going to have to report. So establishing these categories will give some inkling of what is being received, more so than is the case now, I guess. But Senator Coordsen's amendment, I think, is a step toward kind of massaging and structuring this bill so that it will take a form that is understandable and reasonable. As each amendment comes up, I'm going to try to