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LB 171

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bourne, on the motion to return.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I don't support LB 171. I voted no at every level of debate and I intend to vote no again today. What we didn't really talk about during debate at all is that businesses already get a deduction for sales tax off of their tax returns. I mean they already can deduct a portion of their sales tax, so they already are getting a benefit from expending additional monies on capital expenditures. As I was listening to the debate, I was thinking about a professor that I had in law school, and he had an adage that he said often, was, pigs get fat and hogs get slaughtered. And I think what he means is that, you know, leave a little bit in the trough for somebody else. I think today we have some bills that we passed this session that are good bills. Senator Aguilar has a bill that's going to help seniors, the frail and infirm seniors, and that needs a little bit of money. We passed a bill that's going to provide hearing tests for infants, that's going to take a little bit of money. We passed a very good bill that established the Commission for the Blind. And while that might not take any money, it's debatable. But the fact is that we all need to kind of share and share alike, and we need to leave a little bit of money for everybody, we need to spread it around. So I won't support LB 171. I think it's a little too much of a grab and I would urge you to not support it as well. Thank you,

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Chambers, on the motion to return.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I must continue, because I don't think Little Orphan Annie has a voice on this floor, and I have to plead guilty to not having looked after her interests prior to now. But on the one hand we have Daddy Warbucks, pockets bulging with money, big old sacks of money over his back, the asp is pulling a wagon full of...that's a-s-p, that was one of Daddy Warbucks' assassins. Then the person that was given a degrading name, Punjab, this very large individual who could spread a rug over somebody and pop it and