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SENATOR LANDIS: I will save my...no, let me make it now, and then maybe we can get to the vote on the bill itself, because there still may be some discussion. My guess is many of you would like this bill to be different, you'd like to have your own prescriptions for what to do in this area. I'll tell you this, it's hard enough to get these out of the Revenue Committee that you're not going to find them very often. And if it's a leaner, as they say in horseshoes, you better take it on childcare, because I've been there for a long, long time, and it hasn't come out before, okay, or something like this. Now you may not...you may want a different tax credit with a different approach and a different set if prescription in it, like Senator Raikes would, or Senator Brown, or Senator Suttle. These don't come along very often. If you want to make some advancement, you can. I think Senator Suttle made a fair comment. Look, this is at least about as much about economic development as it is about childcare. I accept that, that's a fair game, because here's the problem. Currently, if a company started a business decision to give their employees childcare, it would be a tax deductible item, but that would mean that they'd...that for every dollar, they wouldn't have to pay 8 cents in tax. So it's not very much. The same would be said if they bought a chair; the same would be true if they bought a computer; the same would be true if they bought a truck for delivery. Every one of those expenses would be exactly alike. And guess what companies are choosing to buy? New computers, new trucks, new houses, new homes, new construction, whatever it might be because the dollars spent for childcare is treated exactly alike as the dollar that's spent for the new computer. And guess what business chooses to buy? They buy the computer, because it generates profit. And it's true, this is economic development in this sense. It says, if you expend the dollar for childcare, we'll treat it differently than the dollar you spend for the truck. And that's what we're saying in this bill. It might be better if we could say it in a little more clear way, or if we could do it in some other way. I will tell you this, I've been on that committee for about 14 years, and this is the one child-care tax credit that has ever gotten out. If you want to do something on childcare, if it's a leaner...now that's true, we've done some things on individual state income tax, that's