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SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I always feel great sympathy and empathy for my colleagues when they have to be water carriers for these agencies, because they trickle in here with this bit of information, that bit of information, and it comes from a propaganda source created by the very agency that water is being carried for. Senator Stuhr mentioned to us two cuts that the Game and Parks Commission had experienced. Obviously, brothers and sisters, those cuts had no impact. The commission was overfunded. They had a slush fund, because they don't need to raise the fees even now. I wish my colleagues would listen and pay attention to what is said by those who are in support of a proposal. Their arguments undercut the point they're trying to make. The increases in fees are not to take place. Senator Stuhr handed around a paper yesterday, which I'm sure was prepared...I'd like to ask Senator Stuhr a question. I don't want to make any presumptions. If Senator Stuhr would yield?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Stuhr, would you yield?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Stuhr, yesterday you handed us two sheets of paper. Information is on both sides of the first one, and it talks about the different amounts charged for these fees in various states. Do you remember handing that information out to us yesterday?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did you prepare this information, or was it given to you by somebody connected with Game and Parks?

SENATOR STUHR: It was provided to me.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Stuhr, I don't see anything on these sheets that tell us what the tax rate is in these various states. Are the tax rates as high in these states as they are