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SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...income tax rates, and then state's income tax rate is plugged into the federal rate? When the amount taken in at the federal level is reduced, the amount taken in by the state automatically is reduced also, which means money not coming in through that source will have to be replaced in some other fashion, or by cutting programs. This idea of saying that in the chaotic circumstances facing the state it is a good opportunity for Game and Parks to play some games and get authority to raise fees without justifying the increase is not a good thing. I'm going to continue to resist it. And people may as well get tired. They ought to bring a bedroll in here,...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...because I'm going to go on.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I haven't gotten into this argument. I've been sitting here and listening to all the comments that Senator Stuhr makes, and what Senator Chambers has to elaborate about. But that...you know, I've been...in my younger years, my dad taught me how to hunt. I enjoyed it. And at that time, there was a hunting license also. It wasn't a heck of a lot further away from what they are now. But it was something that I enjoyed very much. I remember the first time I saw a deer on the Elkhorn River. I was about 15 years old, and my dad and I were hunting ducks. And we looked up to the north, and there went a deer across the river. And that was in 1952. And I had never seen a deer before, and I'd lived along the Elkhorn River all my life. Well, the fellow that was hunting with us said, yes, he said, you realize why this has happened, because in the spring of 1952, the last time the Missouri River really flooded, and that happened to drive those deer out of the Missouri bottom, because of the high water, so they went up the tributaries. And the Elkhorn is a tributary of the Missouri River. And now we've had a population of deer in that area that is to the extreme. There are too many. There are too many for their own good. And as most of