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we really are talking about here. And if you want to examine it further, go to your fiscal note. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't like to see innocent people having to do the dirty work for guilty people. If old men and politicians had to fight wars, there would not be any. If the children of the wealthy and the elitists had to go out there and fight the wars, there wouldn't be any. I know a lot of young men and women, Senator Friend, who are going over there, as they call it. And I have in my office right now complaints made against the Department of the Army that service people I don't even know have written to me to ask for help on. And I say, well, you usually should go through the US senator or representative in your state. And they say they cannot even get a response. I know the Department of Defense is not going to solve a problem. But they've heard from me enough and have seen my name enough on these complaints that they at least write a response. I got a thick letter just two days ago. And if you ever want to look at some of this, you can see it. And it will help explain why I react the way I do. I'm exposed to a side of life and an aspect of it that my colleagues are not. And that's why I say things on the floor that others will not. I will listen to television. And then I hear ordinary American people describing the people in Iraq defending their homes from an invader as street thugs. I would be ashamed, if I was the American government, to say it. And that's what Bush has called them. You mean to tell me that the most powerful military in the world has been fought to a standstill by a group of street thugs? Street thugs are the ones who have made America change its whole strategy of this war? Instead of rushing into Baghdad now, they're standing still. And when the Information Minister of Iraq said, you let these Americans invade Iraq, Baghdad, we have something waiting for them, and you know what was said this morning by Rumsfeld? Maybe we will not invade the city; we will lay siege to it. And they're doing that because they had so much contempt for these nonwhite people. And they have been caught up in that craziness of Bush, whose family has a vendetta against Saddam Hussein, that a lot of innocent Americans and Iraqis are going to die for