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every other bill. So if somebody supports something or takes a position because they think it will squelch me, not all all. It just kind of energizes me, and I'm just mentioning that as one of those little tips I will give to you. But, members of the Legislature, I will fight as hard for the working people at the bottom as others will to protect the big shots at the top. Senator Mines doesn't remember this, but the big guys at the top, Senator Mines, bullied this Legislature into not even requesting information from these big shots who were given huge tax breaks. And you know that when everybody has to contribute money into the tax pot and somebody is not required to contribute, others have to make up the difference. I didn't see Senator Cunningham standing up when we were talking about the LB 775 boondoggles and saying, yes, we need to do something about this; when those big shots don't pay their taxes, the little people who come in my store have to pay more in taxes. They got it, but he's afraid of them. The majority on this floor are afraid of them, and that's why I speak with so much impatience on these issues. I see gross hypocrisy, even on the part of my friend Senator Tyson, the young man who spoke just before I did. He can give it, and I can see he can take it too, because he chuckled when I referred to him as young man. (Laugh) But at any rate,...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I've been here watching things for too long a time to take serious anything Senator Cunningham is saying or anybody else is saying in opposition to the minimum wage increase. Hallstrom and his people are out there. They said, send a couple of letters to Senator Stuhr and you've got her; send a letter or two to whoever else read some of those letters on the floor. But when they get letters in opposition to their position, letters from ordinary citizens, they don't read those. But they'll read them from business people. She's got more ordinary people than business people who vote to send her down here. So now that I know we're staking out our territory and I see where people are, my view toward whatever people bring to me is based on their being probusiness and against the hardworking people who make next to nothing. Maybe what I ought to do is starting going and eating with the