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use slogans, we use cliches and they mean nothing. Everything is not on the table. We're told that what I'm suggesting ought not be done because Lincoln, relying on this, had let some bonds, which means somebody gave their word, another party relied on it and acted on it, to that party's detriment. Therefore, the word that was given in the original instance should be kept. When the tax was raised on cigarettes, we were told it's temporary. That's what we were told. That was drilled into everybody's concrete-like skull. Then we look at this new bill and we see the promise lined through. So the promise to the public can be broken by the simple expedient of drawing lines through words and numbers on a piece of paper. I have been persuaded that the state is facing a financial crisis. I also have heard repeatedly and from some people on this floor that everything is on the table. So is this money of greater moment for the cities than it is in helping the state to solve this crisis that I have been persuaded exists? If this is taken off the table then other things should be taken off the table too. And when we get to those sales taxes, you're going to see a fight from me, if nobody else, because there are things I want to take off the table there as things are take...as this is being taken off the table. Senators Thompson and Wehrbein suggested that when the budget comes out here something may be done in this area.

**SPEAKER BROMM:** One minute.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** I may croak before then. I have to do what must be done now. Senator Redfield, the future consists of a string of "now's" hung together, now's, n-o-w-'-s, a string of "now's" strung together. That's what constitutes the future. I can only act in this instant, and my mind tells me that what I'm offering here is the thing that I ought to try to get done now. Others who feel that time has been promised to them and they know they're going to be here in the future can vote against this, as they probably will. But I have other amendments in this area because I anticipated what Senator Quandahl had touched on, going through to see just how many of these are off the table. I'm not going to attack each one of them, but a representative sampling. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.