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here what we're going to tax, and we have very, very minute differences, it's not going to work. Other states may tax all of these things. South Dakota taxes everything but your memory, and has no income tax, a solution that I would buy. But this is not the way to go, picking here and picking there. I don't generally agree with Senator Chambers, but in this case even a blind sow finds an occasional acorn, and I'm going to vote for this. I urge you to do so also, but for the right reasons. I'll give the balance of my time, Senator Cudaback, to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Thank you, Senator Tyson, for all of your comments, even the ones that seemed hostile toward what I'm intending to do and the methodology I'm employing. Members of the Legislature, would I have a better chance of success if I stood up here and I grinned like a Cheshire cat and told how much I love all of you all, how great everybody is, and how wonderful it is here? I see people nodding. You would laugh at me. You would walk over me. You would stomp me. I know it and you know it. We are playing hardball. You treat me worse than you treat the Governor, and I'm on your side and I try to help put some steel in your spine. But the only time you want to manifest it is against me. And I wouldn't mind that if you would carry it over to those other entities and individuals who would attack the Legislature as an institution. But I'm prepared to take the time. This is something like a special session to me now. I don't know which day this is that we're in. I don't keep track of the days, but we probably don't have many more than 30. Two-thirds of the time is gone. It's like a 30-day special session. And during that 30 days you have to build a budget, you've got to raise some taxes, and you've got some other bills that people want to talk about. That's a lot to do in a special session, isn't it? And when I put it in that context, it may not seem like such a long time after all. You all think that by brushing me aside today, when you get to Select File, you're not going to have this to deal with. You don't have only me to deal with over there. You have others that you're going to have to deal with. You think they're not going to be getting instructions from the