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going to say to you also, Senator Tyson, that I think you're gambling with the good life in introducing such legislation. But I'm not going to do that now and the reason I'm not going to do that now is because of the mail that we all received this morning from an organization called Gambling With the Good Life, and I am very, very, very offended by this letter and I would like to publicly comment about it. First of all, I would like to know how any of us are expected to know that this isn't some kind of dangerous powdery substance in the bottom of this envelope? It could be black anthrax for all we know. I think it's very irresponsible to send a letter such as this. There's also a five-dollar bill included with the letter, and that doesn't smell right to me either. There are laws in this state, in this country, against bribing people for a vote. Now that may not be the intent here, but it certainly has the flavor because, very specifically, a very specific bill is mentioned in this letter. In addition, I think the analogy that is presented in this bill makes absolutely no sense at all. It's a very bad analogy. There are no facts to back up the allegations in the letter and, finally, in the final paragraph, it chastises us for being involved with the issue of LR 11CA when we have such serious budget matters to consider. And I would just like to point out to the members of Gambling With the Good Life that we have a process here for dealing with the budget and that process involves many, many, many hours of work on the part of the Appropriations Committee. In fact, I should say many weeks and months of work on the Appropriations Committee behalf. And to chastise us, that we have been doing other issues instead of the budget, is totally unfair. We will be taking up the budget this year and we will be doing the serious work of the Legislature. In addition to that, I would also like to say to Gambling With the Good Life that when you come to our legislative hearings before...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...in the future, please don't bring those can of worms that you open at the testifier's desk, please don't bring suckers for the senators who you will call suckers for voting for this particular piece of legislation. I think it demeans the process; it demeans you, the public; and it demeans