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the out biennium. It's so we'll look at it and, presumably, we're going to be intelligent enough to recognize it and do something with it. And if you look at what's going on there, that's \$800 million shortfall, and as we debate and discuss further,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...I'm going to elaborate on the fallacious assumptions that underlie that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Mr. Clerk, did...Senator Chambers, did you wish to speak or do you wish to pass over? Your light is on. You may pass over, if you wish to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. When I am given time by my colleagues to speak, you know that when I can speak in my own right I intend to do so, even if I had nothing to say, and that's just to maintain the tradition and keep established things as they ought to be. What I was discussing with Senator Maxwell and the Clerk is whether or not I was going to take up an amendment that I want to offer to the committee amendment, while we're looking at the committee amendment as an amendment to the bill, or whether I would wait until the committee amendment is adopted, it would then become the bill, then offer my amendment. There is a benefit to my waiting until the committee amendment would be adopted because then, if somebody offered an amendment that I thought was not as it should be, I could offer an amendment to it at that point. But if their amendment were offered while the committee amendment is pending, mine would then be an attempt to amend an amendment, which would not be possible. But I'm going to mention what I intend to do, or attempt to do, and for my purposes I will probably wait until the committee amendment is adopted. But I had this opportunity to speak. There has been very little contention so far this morning, and perhaps everybody is waiting until after the committee amendment has been adopted, but I'm not going to sit and allow this amendment to just move across and try to do everything on Select File, and maybe that is not the intention of others, but you can see there