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SENATOR TYSON:    Probably English.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    Thank you.    So he brings together an Englishman...okay, (laughter) at any rate, two individuals who may not see eye to eye. During the war, there was a rhyme when the two were fighting each other. God save Germany, God bless Germany, God save the king, God this, God that, God the other thing. Good God, said God, without a doubt is plain to see my work is cut out.    So there have been times when England and Germany were not on the same side.    When there were some discussions during the meetings of the UN about Iraq, Germany and England were not on the same side. Governor Johanns and I are often on opposite sides, but perhaps on the budget there may be a commonality of purpose based on differing motives. But I am going to see how long I can last on my hostage taking, and I'm going to see if Senator Wehrbein has a negotiator who can come to the hostage taker and show him that he is taking the wrong approach.    Now there's another way to characterize this. We can look at it as a weighing exercise. Which is worth more, the budget or PEAP? And if somebody says, well, he is bullying, characterize it any way that you choose, but I'm very serious about this and I have heard no compelling reason given why my amendment should not be adopted.    Adopt it and shut me up on this issue.    Then, if the body comes together and sees that we've got some extra money, pour it back in there. But as long as you're cutting public education, this money should not go where it is going.

SENATOR CUDABACK:    One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    So I want to say this to Senator Wehrbein and the members of the Appropriations Committee. Everything I said relative to the hard work done, I incorporate that by reference at this point. My intent is not to trivialize or minimize that, but I'm not going to let anybody trivialize or minimize something which is a matter of principle with me. You all have got enough people here to vote me down. You've got enough "Repelicans" to do that. But the "Repelicans" probably feel more in tune with the Governor. So where does that leave you all? I'm in what's known as the catbird seat. Thank you, Mr. President.