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people who were old when I used to go to church had an expression. It was: a dead cat on the line. That was something or someone which impeded or stopped the progress or movement of an activity. I'm going to be a dead cat on the line in a lot of our discussions on these fiscal matters. I'd like to ask Senator Landis a question or two.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Landis, if you would yield?

SENATOR LANDIS: Sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Landis, I don't have my green copy before me. Was this a committee bill, or introduced by an individual senator?

SENATOR LANDIS: It was introduced by me, as I recall.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh. Senator Landis, when you introduce a bill...this is not stroking you. I've been with you a long time, a lot of years here. You don't just pull numbers out of a hat. If you would share with me your reasoning in putting the amount that you originally put in the bill, I would appreciate that.

SENATOR LANDIS: Yeah. Thank you. Well, I'm going to disappoint you, because I pulled it exactly out of a hat. I walked into the office one day and I said to George, draft me a bill that raises 10 million bucks. Pulled ten out of my hat because I thought it was a round number. I didn't know how much liquor tax we were raising at that point anyway. So on this one, I pulled this one directly out of my hat, thank you very much. And it was because I liked the number 10 million. So I sort of like results-oriented drafting, and then to learn the lay of the land. So that's where it came from.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Landis. Members of the Legislature, on a scale of one to ten as far as the appropriateness of the original form of the bill, ten remains the magic number. I give it a ten. Senator Landis did by happenstance what ought to have been done based on serious thought and consideration. I favor the original form of the