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happen to believe that the greatest accountability and vision is established by being clear. I...although some in the body have talked on the record about favoring chaos and confusion...and I understand how well they do with that...the fact of the matter is that I think when we finish this very difficult exercise, we want the people to understand exactly what it is we would do, and how and why we would do it, and what the response of the executive branch was to it. And we will know where we end up and why we got there and who's responsible for what works and doesn't work. I think that's how this process ought to be clarified. Too long we have played a game that we all know, it's fairly rote and simple, and we all know what it is, and it never gets written about or talked about. I think it demeans the process, baffles and fools the people, and accomplishes nothing. We're in much tougher times than that. And that's why I'm going to be urging the approach that I'm urging. So I would... (laugh) with all due respect, I would stand basically in opposition to Senator Beutler's amendment, because we...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...don't have to pick a single course. We can leave the cigarette revenue in this bill, LB 285, and we can leave it in LB 759 also. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Chambers, on the Beutler amendment to the committee amendments to LB 285.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think by keeping all of the bills, and all...alive, and all of the options open, there will be great contributions to the coming chaos. I see an impending storm. I look way out toward the horizon...and in Nebraska that's a long way...and I see a little cloud the size of a woman's hand. But each day it gets closer and closer and grows larger and larger. It looms. Then it hovers. Then it blots out all of the light, and everybody is thrown into confusion, unnecessarily. It is very simple what we have to do. But how we get there is when the complexity comes in. And as each cook throws a little something into the broth, confusion and chaos. The problem with the Legislature is that