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You cannot get an expansion of the sales tax if I decide to fight it, because you haven't got 33 votes to shut me up on anything. And if you shut me up, you've got to then vote to advance the bill in a form that you don't like. Time is on my side. The session has been delivered to me. Now go ahead and complete the project. I've been sitting here waiting until the shoe fell.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And Senator Preister's amendment is that shoe. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Landis on the Preister amendment, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR LANDIS: It wouldn't make a difference when and where the shoe fell. It was going to fall. It was always going to fall. No patient observer would know otherwise. It would be invented out of thin air. We were almost there yesterday with liquor. It's been threatened the last several days. This is what it is. I happen to object...I happen to disagree with Senator Preister. I happen to think that this is a legitimate thing to ask of people, particularly in the context of having just advanced a \$70 million income tax bill yesterday. This body has demonstrated its concern for making sure that there is a leavening across the board of the impact of new revenues. In the measure we used earlier yesterday, we had both income tax and sales in the LB 1085. So to that extent, I have to say that there is a desire to see to it that the revenue implications fall on everyone's head, and that there is no special dispensation here for the people in Senator Preister's district or in Senator Chambers' district or in my own district, which happens to be the forty-fourth poorest district in the state. This is a tax that is collected in our surrounding states. It's one that we can collect here. I think it's a legitimate thing to do. And I would yield the remainder of my time to Senator Preister, to make sure that he gets a fair chance to make sure that all of his points are on the table.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Preister.