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dead serious. And he can say whatever he wants to. If he wants you all to challenge me on this bill, do it. I'm not playing games with anybody. I stay on this floor. I work hard on this floor. And I don't pick just the issues that relate to me. I don't disappear for long periods of time. And some of the issues don't touch my district directly. But as a state senator, I feel a responsibility, and I'm going to discharge it. And I will try to dismantle this bill, and I challenge Senator Landis to try to stop me, or anybody else. I'm going to represent my constituency. I don't know who he represents and, frankly, I don't even care. But I'm going to make it clear what my intention is. I've done it before, and I'll do it again. And if he's suggesting that I cannot carry through on what I'm saying, let him put me to the test. And when he says we almost did something on the alcohol, we've almost done it on a lot of bills. And I reach an accord with people. People reach an accord with me. I had a bill to pay athletes, and it was amended by several people. And I had to accept those amendments and swallow them. I don't always get my way. But on this, you don't even need this bill. Everybody on the Revenue Committee, including the Chairman, knows how many exemptions there are from sales tax. So for anybody to stand on this floor, including the Chairman, and say there are no dispensations granted for this, that, Senator Chambers' district, he's seen other exemptions and dispensations granted already, and his committee, as far as I know, has not come out here to strip away every one of those exemptions. I don't know that he has offered a bill to take away every exemption. I just want to put some things on the record. And unlike my colleagues, when something is directed toward me on the floor, I'm not going to run around behind people's backs, or behind the pillars, or out there in the lobby, and grumble. I'm going to say what I have to say. Senator Friend has been encouraged by me, and some of you all will hate me when I reveal this, to say what's on his mind on any issue, whenever he feels he has something to say, and he doesn't have to apologize. I told him how I appreciated him taking issue with me on a bill, or a motion, or whatever it was, that I was commenting on. Issues are sharpened on this floor when we debate them and bring them out in the open.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.