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the labor, the way I read this thing. So instead of people having to pay twice the tax on it, at least they would only be paying once. So presently, I think Senator Preister's amendment is something that will go along with this bill. And like I say, until we get to the throat on this thing, why, I'm going to support the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Engel on the Preister amendment.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, members of the body, we are in a dilemma, and we know that. We have to get our revenue together with our appropriations in order to get out of here this year. We have to make everything balance. I'm not going to talk about his amendment particularly. But as far as overall, we're talking about different things we're going to be taxing. I know Senator Aguilar has a bill in as far as taxing professional services, would be engineering, architecture, legal, and accounting services. I think just the legal and accounting services themselves would bring in quite a bit of revenue. The...in talking to the accountants in my area, I'm talking about in my immediate area, there was a bill that was presented down here as far as putting fees, and nobody liked that. And actually, that was a poor bill. But as far as paying sales tax on their services, they didn't think that was such a big problem. And one thing, as far as complicated as our sales tax situation is getting, at least a CPA could figure it out. He would know exactly what he's supposed to be paying on, and then he'd pass that on. You know, like if your accounting bill is say \$1,000, it's going to be...cost you another \$60, because it will be passed on to the consumers, no question about that. But I would think we...I agree with Senator Bromm. I think we just have to spend a lot of time beyond this session...let's get this session taken care of, get our budget balanced and get it presented, and let's go home and stay there. But between now and next session, there should be a lot of time spent on how to totally overhaul our whole tax system. I know Senator Brashear started this many years ago. And the time has come prior to now. But it...we just can't keep delaying it and delaying it and delaying it. And like I say, we have to be competitive with the states around us, and so forth. And I think the states