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felt it anymore. I had no idea that words like that could do that to anybody, and I don't know why they had that effect on him. We don't know what happens when we sow the seed, but I was very pleased that it had that effect and I was doubly pleased that he would tell me. We never know who is going to hear something we say and be affected by it. I don't know who may be listening and watching what we're doing here, and get an understanding of what this Legislature is and is not about. But I want anybody watching to know that the Legislature is controlled by the liquor industry when it comes to taxation. The liquor industry gives permission to the Legislature as to what kind of a tax it will consent to. I'm sure those who smoke cigarettes would like to be given the same break that the liquor industry has been given. And they would like to come in here and tell us the amount of tax they are willing to pay. I don't want any deals struck. I want this whole afternoon. It's mine. And I want it on this bill, and I'm going to take it on this bill. I don't believe that any bill which will not adequately tax the liquor industry should be passed this session while we are cutting, cutting, cutting. I have it on good information because some of the senators told me, and I presume they're telling the truth. They're going to offer amendments to the mainline budget to cut more money from programs and some to even cut from the university, and I'm offering an opportunity to get some tax money and you don't want it. Then I'm going to try to stop you from taxing anybody. And I bet Larry Bare and Governor are over there right now, you can't have liquor in the Capitol, I'm sure, but toasting with some Welch's grape juice, we've got them now because they don't know what to do. They're leaderless, they're floundering, they're foolish. They will lose an entire army to save one squad. There are four squads in a platoon. They will risk the whole army,...

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...Senator Aguilar, because they are so caught up in foolishness, and I am willing to take their army. And after I've taken their army, of what value is their squad? This bill is the squad, and I'm going to use this squad to take