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liquor industry bullied and buffaloed those people as they bullied and buffaloed Senator Landis and the Revenue Committee. And I'm going to be buffaloed because the liquor industry has shown its power and flexed its muscles in surrounding states and turned them into wimps? I am going to become a wimp for Senator Landis, the Revenue Committee, and the liquor industry? They got another think coming. We need to come back here for a special session. Let Senator Landis tell everybody that in order for you all to hold him harmless by going along with his deal with the devil, that he and the liquor industry will deliver the tax on cigarettes. Let him guarantee you that. When he makes his deals, he needs to know they're not made in a vacuum. And there will always be at least one man on this floor...I'm not speaking for the women...one man on this floor who will look him and the rest of them in the eyeballs and not blink, who will stand nose to nose, toe to toe, and not back up a centimeter. So he can stand over there and get in a snit and be miffed all he wants to. I am a grown man and I'm a state senator, and I'm going to...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...do my job as I think I should. And let him keep making his deals. But when he brings one in here that smells worse than one of those little squat nameless creatures who is noisome and has stripes on his back and you can smell him throughout the county when a car hits him, I will not swallow that deal. He can, but I will not. One of those little critters had read...I'm not going to tell you who the philosopher was. But the male philosopher said, I think therefore I am. This little creature said, after reading that, why, that works for me. I stink, therefore I am. Now, people can apply that any way they want to. But Senator Landis needs to know that that fight which the liquor industry guaranteed him would not happen forgot that Ernie Chambers is a member of the Legislature, and he is his own man.

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.