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before we come up with the final package of LB 759. And again, it's not a criticism against Senator Brashear or even how this was scheduled, but again what we're talking about is significant taxes, one that affects poor people, the other that affects an industry that's actually providing jobs, at least in my community. And I'm saying that if we're going to adopt those they should be perhaps of the last resort. Senator Brashear, if you'd like the remainder of my time to maybe discuss this issue or any other, I'd be happy to yield the time to you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Brashear, about two minutes left.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Bourne, Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Bourne, thank you. I hear what you're saying and I understand it. I think everybody here was thinking and talking and contemplating over the weekend, and I was pleased that our colleague Senator Burling got it, in the opinion of somebody, because some of the rest of us...see, it wasn't funny. Nobody noticed, but Senator Burling was praised for having got it because somebody wanted to use a comment that he said. I suppose that some of the rest of you have at least pondered the wonder that I've been experiencing that at the university level we are praising vertical cuts as being dramatic leadership that we should follow and salute. And then at the state level we're praising horizontal cuts which are just whack it...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...10 percent across the board and that's as specific as you need to be and just do it. And I understand maybe we're going to have some proposals for vertical cuts. I've decided I'm going to hunt for vertical cuts and I'm not going to use now...you know, I'll give an illustration of how the administration and the executive branch could have done a dramatic vertical cut and done it at a point in time when it would have made a difference to us here, but I don't have enough time on Senator Bourne's time. But now that I've gotten into it, when my light comes up, why, I'll talk about it. But if we're going to do vertical cuts, then let's hunt for vertical cuts. But let's don't salute horizontal cuts at one level and