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that resulted in the further reduction of TEEOSA aid, you'll perhaps recall that we asked you to think seriously about it and conscientiously about it, and if you decided to support that further reduction, that that would also be a commitment from you to support the additional cent here. And so I would just encourage you to follow through with the totality of the concept, which is, in fact, no different than the original concept of LB 540, but extended by one penny. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, members, I guess only a fool never eats his crow when he's starved. And I guess we're starved here on this issue. So I'm going to eat some crow here. And I really mean that. Like the old saying says. I said I would never ever vote for...to raise the...from \$1.00. I said I would never do that. Then it went to \$1.04 under LB 540. Now it goes another penny. And I guess I'm rationalizing here. Why does it go to \$1.05? Because we're greedy. Think what we did to the sales tax. We all say we're going to broaden it. We all want to broaden the sales tax. It's almost funny, you know, as we sit here and listen. We all want to broaden the sales tax. But then when we broaden it, we have three or four people bring a measure to broaden it, then we don't like it, so we take it back off again. We changed it and we watered down. Now there's hardly any water in the bucket. You know, we just...I mean, it's just all gone. Because we're greedy. We all want what...we don't want what's going to affect us. We don't want to pay on repairs. I'm along with it. We don't want to pay on our cars, fixing our cars up. I'm right there too. We don't want...really want to broaden the sales tax. I don't think we do. I don't really think we want to broaden it. We have an option, you know, if you want to do the school thing. Unless you want our schools to fall apart, like the university might do. I hope it doesn't. But you know, we cut our universities, we're cutting this, we're cutting that. If you want to see the K through 12 fall apart, we were just getting there with our state aid. We were just getting there. Every year we increased it, what, 1 or 2 percent. Now we're going to fall back. But I guess maybe we can fall the other way when things turn around. These are tough, tough times, I guess. So I'm going to eat some