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thorough airing. Some of the things that I...I think Senator Louden was very, very effective in what he said and the way he said it. And it's almost one of those things I can say I wish I had said it, but I wasn't at the meeting. But some of the things...I was just told another thing that had been said at that meeting. Now, I'm old school. Not just old school, I'm not chivalrous, but I hold to some of those principles where women are treated a certain way, all females are. Some resent it. And if I conduct myself in a way and it's resented and it's made clear to me, then I simply apologize and blame it on my upbringing, which according to today's standards might be defective. But one of my female colleagues was told by the Governor, the chief executive officer of the state, you're staring at me. I'm almost rendered speechless. I had to get that on the record. What I would like us to do is show that as a Legislature, and Senator Combs touched on it, when there is a significant issue like this, we can forget about some of the differences and antagonisms that might exist, and realize that the Legislature in a sense has been snookered as an institution. We, as the Legislature, voted to take language out of the statute which turns out to have not been a wise and prudent decision because of subsequent events taking place that nobody could envision in advance. But since those things have taken place, we are in a position to rectify it. And the best way to do it, I think, is not only to discuss it and lay on the record the way that the Governor mistreated some people who had come to him, but also to use the legislative process which created the difficulty in the first place to correct the difficulty, and go a step further by achieving the ultimate goal that was in mind when this commission was created in the first place, when a cash fund was established. We don't want to always entice people...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...who need help with the promise that we're going to give it, and it turns out to be an empty one. We can turn this into a fortuitous occurrence, a bad storm cloud with a silver lining. And when we push that cloud away, then there might be some cleansing sunshine. There was a judge who said, the best...what do you call that substance that decontaminates areas? You pour it on and you wipe it on and it cleans it up