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SENATOR BEUTLER: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So it should not be beyond the recollection of any of us on the floor, if we set our brains to it. Would you agree?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Not any of us under 58.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh) Thank you, Senator Beutler. I'd better quit while I'm ahead, because that was a direct slam at me, and I'm the one who opened the door. So here's what Senator Beutler will tell me, as far as that question and answer. Ernie, you are my creator, but I am your master. He one-upped me on that one. The reason I wanted that in the record is because in the last days of the legislative session, we often hear the comment that something was not before us until now. But this...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...was extensively debated, and it was a position that the Legislature endorsed. If this amendment is added to this bill, it will improve it. Senator Bromm's amendment has good things in it already. This makes it and the bill better. So I hope you will vote to adopt this amendment. And I'm especially making an appeal to my rural colleagues. The amendment includes protection for workers in the rural area. The \$8.25 is in Senator Bromm's amendment. We need to come together and cooperate. I'm going to cooperate with my rural colleagues. And this afternoon, I'm going to do some heavy lifting for my rural colleagues and the constituency they represent.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schimek on the Beutler amendment, AM2039.

SENATOR SCHIMEK. Yes. Thank you, Mr. President, members. I