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with. I just wanted to clarify. If Senator Chambers would like the balance of my time, he's welcome to it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, about a minute and a half has elapsed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Thank you, Mr. President. And, Senator Byars, I understand that even if people agreed with me, there would not be an adoption of this amendment on this bill, and that's why I wanted to make it clear when I first began that I believe what you're doing is very worthwhile, it serves a societal good, and the people benefitting from your bill, as it stands, should have been covered statutorily, since we specifically mentioned others, long before now. But when we're doing something good, late is better than never. On time is best of all, but if we don't get the best, we should get the better, and you're giving us the better. What I think would be best of all is if religious operations were taxed like everybody else. Because if you take away the backward collars, the flowing robes, the jewelry on the hands, the other accoutrements of wealth that many religious individuals and those who run religions flaunt, then you could see them like you do every other business. They are entrepreneurs. They sell. It's not like Jesus said, freely you receive, freely you give. No, they sell. When these religious stores sell their clothing and whatever else they sell, they do that to get money. Jesus had 12 disciples. One's name was Matthew, and he, according to tradition, was a tax collector. There were some people who came up to Jesus and they liked to try to catch him in his words, so they asked Jesus, should a man pay taxes. Jesus was always talking about, based on what some people say, a place beyond this earth and so forth, called heaven or whatever, so Jesus said, give me a coin. And they...he held up the coin. He said, whose image and superscription, or writing, is on that coin? And the person said, why, Caesar's. And Jesus said, render unto Caesar those things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's, meaning pay your taxes. Jesus never said that the religious people should not pay taxes and assume their civil and civic responsibilities.