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ever been made that leads to the exemption of religious operations from the taxing system. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Thank you for being with us. On with discussion of the Chambers amendment, Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Chambers, can I ask you a question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: We're talking about people that are not paying taxes, and I understand what you're saying. What do you think about people who buy over the Internet and don't pay any taxes? Do you think that's fair?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Say it again.

SENATOR VRTISKA: People who buy over the Internet that don't pay any taxes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, if they buy over the Internet. That might be something controlled by Congress.

SENATOR VRTISKA: We don't have any method of collecting the tax, as I understand it. Many people buy over the Internet; they don't pay any taxes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, even the courts will not require an entity to do that which is impossible of being done.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, but I'm talking about what your attitude toward is it...toward that is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What I'm saying is the fish that are in the barrel, let us treat those fish the same way and not say but there are other fish in the ocean and in the lakes outside this barrel who are not being treated a certain way. We focus on the fish in our barrel, and these religious operations...