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SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay. You always manage to move it around in your direction, and I appreciate that. And that's all I have to say. I'll return the rest of my time to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close on your amendment, if you care to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Vrtiska asked a question which is really off the point. There are activities known as interstate commerce, Senator Vrtiska, which will occur within this state, but because the activity crosses state lines the state cannot tax it. Whether I say the state should be able to or ought to be able to means nothing. We have to look at the reality. The reality that I'm talking about is that there are large operations in this state which do not pay any taxes. They don't. If I were talking about real estate taxes or property taxes, we'd really get into it. Because you may have a private...you may have a church running what they call a school. They don't pay taxes on the church building. They don't pay taxes on the school building. They don't pay taxes on anything they purchase. The people who live in a house who might be teachers, that house doesn't have to pay any taxes. The cars don't have to be taxed. So they, again, consume a great amount of the services provided by a society, services which must be paid for, but they don't pay one red cent toward the providing of those services, but they probably consume them out of all proportion to their numbers. When people don't have to pay for something, they tend to be spendthrifts. I'd venture to say that Senator Vrtiska would not disagree with the principle I would state, and Senator Kremer I know would not disagree with me. If grasshoppers had to cultivate, grow and pay for their own food, they'd eat a lot less. Don't you think so, Senator Vrtiska? I'd like to ask Senator Vrtiska a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Vrtiska, are you available? Yes, he is.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes, I will.