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being spent by an individual who's unemployed. They're not putting that under their mattress. They're not socking this money away. They're paying their bills. They're buying groceries. They're paying their credit card bills. They're paying their rent payments or their house payments or their car payments. That's another reason why you would think the banks would come in and testify in opposition to this. How many cars do you think are going to be repossessed because these folks aren't able to make their payments? And I don't know, maybe I'm making too big a deal out of this, but it just seems to me that we're kind of piling on somebody who's...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...already going through an unfortunate time in their life.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen and Senator Bourne. Senator Chambers, on the Schimek amendment to the Loudon amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't think Senator Bourne is making too big an issue or deal of this at all. In fact, we're not making, as a Legislature, a big enough issue of it. There will not be as much energy expended trying to take away some of that tax shifting that occurs under LB 775 as there is trying to dump on these people who may lose their jobs. I wish Senator Cunningham were at his desk. I...by the way, I call him the "Clever Hog," which is another way of saying "Cunning Ham." But at any rate, he needs to realize that what he is building into the law is an incentive to kick some people off their job and say they were fired for cause. There's an incentive. Senator Cunningham mentions an appeal process. Well, these business people don't care how much trouble they put a person through, even if ultimately the person is restored the right to receive these benefits. The business person figures that the person's entitled to them, but if I make it hard enough, it will discourage anybody else from complaining on the job, because I'll kick them out of here too, and by the time they go through the appeal process, the damage will have been done. This is a