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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Vrtiska, same question. Where does Nebraska rank, if you know?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Forty-sixth.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You mean they pay...the premiums are 46th lowest in the country?

SENATOR VRTISKA: There...yes, there are only five states that are lower than we are...or four.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, did you hear that? Nebraska is ranked 46th in the premiums, and you talk about Nebraska the good life? Yeah, for business. I told you that this Legislature is a running dog, lickspittle lackey for businesses. The premiums they pay are 46th in the country. And we have all of this to-do by Senator Cunningham and Senator Combs, who will never have to worry about unemployment, but if she does, she'll be well, well compensated. She'll draw the max. Some of us have to look beyond what the businesses come in here and demand, and we will look beyond it and we will fight against those injustices that businesses want to continue to heap...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...on those people who have to work for them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: I'm sorry, Senator Chambers. Your light is next. You may continue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You're sorry my light is next? (Laughter) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Honesty is the best policy usually. Members of the Legislature, in order that somebody reading this transcript will not misunderstand, when a person is speaking on