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Board. That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 1169-1177.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We're back to discussion, AM2792, offered by the Education Committee to LB 1093. The following members wish to speak: Senator Chambers and Senator Stuhr. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I feel pretty good now. That last vote I'm going to interpret as a vote...a referendum on my proposal to raise the income tax. Every red light against Senator Wehrbein was a green light, potentially, for a raise in the income tax. We have gotten rid of an impediment which really was not even a serious bump in the road. Senator Wehrbein made it clear what his intent was when he offered it. All of us knew that it was not going to go anywhere. So I don't know that too much can be read into that vote. But I choose to interpret it the way that I said, for obvious reasons. Now we come to the bill and the committee amendment that Senator Raikes and his colleagues on the Education Committee want to present to us. We could...I'd like to ask Senator Raikes a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, would you respond, please?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Raikes, we could pass the bill without your...the committee amendment, could we not?

SENATOR RAIKES: Certainly, Senator. That would mean that the...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: One step at a time.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Which would be better--to pass the bill without the committee amendment, or to do nothing?

SENATOR RAIKES: You're asking for my personal opinion, or