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administers the unemployment insurance program. It seems to me that generally they're...generally, suggestions...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...such as that are warranted. But again, when I said that we're dealing with pennies, that's what I was alluding to. And I'm glad that Senator Preister brought up what he did. Senator Cunningham's bill is going to generate \$4 million, \$4.5 million. But that's going to be, in my opinion, more than offset by the expansion of the program that Senator Loudon has put into this bill. But we're missing sight, as we so often do, of the big picture, and that is, the fund is dramatically, drastically, significantly underfunded. We're nibbling around the edges, as we so often do, and we don't solve the problem. We put the problem on the backs of the working individuals who are struggling to find another job, and I don't know where the solution is. I suppose it belongs to everybody. You know, everybody should contribute. But I tell you, this is not the way to save a fund that is tens of million dollars short, to nibble around the edges and put it on the backs of what I would call the working poor. But maybe that's an unfair...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...characteristic. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne and Senator Preister. Mr. Clerk, priority motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, a priority motion. Senator Chambers would move to bracket the bill until April 15.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on your bracket motion of LB 1049.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this motion doesn't have to be explained. But this matter should be brought to a head, and here's what can be done. If you're going to vote cloture, vote against the bracket motion,