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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, sometimes Senator Foley and I are on opposite sides of issues. And when that happens, we push our points. But at other times, our paths will converge. His speech about poisons is a perfect segue into me repeating my mantra, that the king cobra wastes no venom on dead or fleeing things. Such, I think, is the fate for this surtax. Personally, I'm against a "sir" or "madam" tax. However, because I have time, I want to read something that I was inspired to pen on the back of an envelope while driving down to the Legislature today. Four years and several more ago, our leaders brought forth in this state a new boondoggle, conceived in ignorance, and dedicated to the proposition that all Nebraskans can be fooled most of the time. Now we are engaged in a great revenue war, testing whether this boondoggle or any boondoggle so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great legislative battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of legislative debate to provide a final resting place in law for those proposals and amendments that will here give their lives that that boondoggle might not live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, though we may obfuscate, we cannot hallow that boondoggle's ground. The various politicians, some in office, some not, who struggled with this boondoggle have moved it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here. But Nebraskans may never forgive what we do here. It is for us the incumbents rather to be here dedicated to the unfinished work which they who preceded us have thus far so ignobly advanced in a direction detrimental to the state and its people. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from those culpable Governors and Attorneys General we derive increased devotion to the resolution of the problems fostered by that flawed cause for which they gave the last full measure of incompetency, that we here highly resolve that our work shall not be in vain, that this state, under duress, shall have a new birth of hope, that this Legislature of the people, by the people, and for the people shall banish this problem, at least in part, by raising the income tax. Thank you, fellow citizens.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On with