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SENATOR BEUTLER: ...does not deal with the \$104 million deficit that we have by virtue of the Forecasting Board's prediction. So there doesn't seem to be the will in the body, from yesterday's discussion, to try to do everything at once, but I, for one at least, am hoping that there is the will here and, beyond the will to do, the willingness of everybody to give a little bit on what their preferred solution is to find some sort of mix that we can all live with.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Beutler. I'd like to make an announcement. (Visitors introduced.) Back to discussion of the Beutler amendment, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Wehrbein waives off. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members on the Legislature, I have three red rubber balls on my desk of differing sizes. I have been asked from time to time what they designate and why they're there. A few years ago, my female colleagues, for whom I have a great amount of care, and they might feel I'm being paternalistic but that's not my intent, were cheated, in my opinion, out of positions of leadership in the Legislature. I thought it was wrong. Not only positions of leadership, but they were even taken off some committees, some Select Committees of which they had been members. So I felt that these rubber balls, I was going to buy a red rubber ball to give to each of my female colleagues to show how they had been treated, but I couldn't find any. There was a song about a red...the morning sun is shining like a red rubber ball. And there was another, something about you're like a rubber ball, bouncy, bouncy, and I'd felt that since they had been bounced out of all those positions they had been treated like those red rubber balls, so that's what I intended to do. I said that to say this. The issue that this bill is trying to deal with, whatever it is, is like a red rubber ball, like a Ping-Pong ball. It's going to bounce here; it's going to bounce there; back and forth, forth and back. And maybe something will result and maybe not. But I am going to be rock solid against any sales tax increase. Senator Mines gave me a surge of pride yesterday when he mentioned certain provisions which, if adopted, would have to take 33 votes to be enacted into law, and I couldn't help but feel a twinge of pride. Made me think of myself when I was a