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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Madam Clerk, an amendment.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend Senator Beutler's amendment. Senator, I have FA1647. (Legislative Journal pages 1423-1424.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on your amendment to the Beutler amendment to LB 1090.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Madam Clerk. Members of the Legislature, I am offering a proposal which, if you view favorably, will put me in a position of voting for the first time in favor of a sales tax; however, mine is a sales tax reduction. In Senator Beutler's amendment, on line 19, page 1, I would strike the word "six" and insert the word "four." I said I'm against the sales tax. I'm going to fight it and I may as well start now, but I'm starting gently. I listened to part of what a preacher said this morning when he was up there praying and the part that caught me was where he said, and may thy corrections be gently accepted, or thy gentle corrections be accepted, or something like that. So this is a gentle opening shot, not to say that what Senator Beutler is offering has no validity in the minds of some people who are a bit deranged, but to show that I'm opposed to it. I also want to bring a little reconciliation between Senator Quandahl and Senator Wehrbein. Senator Wehrbein said doing nothing is not an option. Senator Quandahl, and some others talked about it, but Senator Quandahl directly pointed out that doing nothing is an option. How do we reconcile the two? In fact, it is an option because it is a course that we can take, but to give Senator Wehrbein a bit of the pie, it is an option which some people may feel is not feasible, is not wise, is not desirable, is not practical, is not responsible. But it is an option. I would like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, would you yield to a question from Senator Chambers?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.