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but if a friend of hers hears the program, I want her to know that in addition to her friends and her family there's somebody who cares a great deal for her and regrets that he did not have the opportunity to meet her; and as things have developed, that may turn out to be a missed opportunity, so there's a song I would like you to play which affects me deeply and I hope it will affect her the same way. So the disc jockey (laugh) said, what is the song? He said, "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald." April Fool. I wanted to remind us of the day so that we can understand that much of what is going to be done here today may fit into that April Fool category, and that meant All Fool's Day. I'm not opposed to taking time on what we're talking about. For one thing, the more time taken on this, the less time available for other things. But if we reach a point where LB 1090 and LB 1091 must be advanced in their current form, because each of the bills is essential, the discussion will not have been wasted because it may be possible to find another vessel which can be used to receive whatever plan the body may decide is reasonable, necessary, and proper. Anything other than the income tax increase will not be acceptable to me, but I'm just 1 out of 49. Out of 49 people, there could be 25 to pass a bill, there could be 30 to override a Governor's veto, there could be 33 to invoke cloture. All of those are possibilities, maybe not probabilities, but as time passes and circumstances appear to change or appear to be very grave, minds may change and something that seems totally unacceptable now will seem acceptable later. Senator Beutler pointed out in his opening that he does not want to take a lot of time; that he will observe to see that there has been a reasonable amount of discussion on both sides of the issue, then he will call the question. I always vote against motions to cease debate, whether it's a routine cease debate motion or a vote to invoke cloture. I will vote against his motion, but we may as well debate my attempt to reduce the sales tax as to debate his. But here's where Senator Beutler and I are birds of a feather. You're going to kill both of these birds with one stone. Senator Beutler is not going to become airborne in terms of his amendment. I'm not going to become airborne in terms of mine, but I know it. So whereas Senator Beutler, the eternal optimist, will spread his wings and take off and be shot from the sky by somebody such as Eugene Tyson, the "baron," lying in