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state's bills can be paid and we don't have to raise taxes. Now how do you like that? That makes more sense than what the rest of you are talking about, who say you will not raise taxes. All of us know, even Senator Redfield knew when she offered her amendments, that we are not going to do any substantive cutting, because we really cannot and be acting in a responsible manner. We can cut. "Can" means to be able, to have the power, to have the wherewithal to do something. We have the power to cut if that's what we choose to do. We can cut the university's budget in half. We can do that. We can cut any program. We can abolish programs. But we're not going to do it, because we know that is not what we ought to do. So when I say we're not going to cut, I don't mean the Legislature lacks the power. It does. That is not going to be done. So don't get upset with me when I offer the motions that I want to talk about, because you all ain't talking about nothing anyway. Nobody is listening to you. You're not going anywhere.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How many of you think that Senator Beutler's motion, his amendment, is going to be adopted? How many of you all think that? You know it's not. So you'd just as well to listen to me talking about what I want to talk about. There are people, if they listen to me, they'll learn something about government that they're not going to learn by listening to people pule and whine. Well, we shouldn't do this; well, I shouldn't do that; I know if I vote for this somebody is going to say I'm supporting the wealthy. Yes, Senator Adrian Smith, I believe you are supporting the wealthy. And I believe Senator Jensen is supporting the wealthy, and I believe Senator Pam Brown is supporting the wealthy. That's my belief. They know it's true. All I do is look at their record. If they're not supporting the wealthy, I wish they'd do as much for me as they've done for those they will claim not to be supporting.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.