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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. There are some here who think that we're not doing anything. We are doing something, something vital and necessary. We are burning daylight, a limited supply. We are again discussing the Brashear amendment. Later on we will again discuss the Beutler amendment. For comic relief, Senator Janssen has one up there that is income and sales tax, and we will probably burn a little more daylight on those. That's fine. You have to understand that one thing that is a necessary duty for a right-thinking legislator is not to pass good legislation necessarily but to prevent the passage of bad legislation. And so far, every one of these ideas is bad legislation, although yesterday I said for the first time in eight years that I would support a sales tax increase, which is Senator Beutler's. Is it a good idea? No, it's not a good idea. It's probably the best of a series of bad ideas. What I would much prefer to do is do nothing. Someone complained in the newspaper that we had done nothing about the gambling problem. I don't know that we have a gambling problem, or about the nitwits that are circulating initiative petitions. We have done something. We have ignored it. It is not necessary to do anything positive. You can gain the same result by doing nothing. We have determined, in our wisdom, and I hope we will continue to determine in our wisdom, that we need do nothing about gambling on the ballot. Leave that to others. Then it's their responsibility and if it passes, it's their fault. What we are doing now on the Brashear amendment is discussing a Philadelphia lawyer's...is Senator Brashear, yes, Senator Brashear is here--I just relocated him in Philadelphia--a Philadelphia lawyer's version of how to get around the clear intent of the law. If cute were a disease, there will be several people missing here. That is what the improper use of the state bonding provision is. It's a cute way to get around an obstacle. And it's also a way to make a \$150 million problem become a \$450 million problem. But we don't need to worry about that. That's going to be taken care of by those who we refer to as taxpayers. They're going to be paying for it. Now, quite