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your time, Senator Bromm.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Brashear? One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I'd like to ask Senator Brashear, you know, one of the questions that I keep hearing all the time is, if we get this money under your proposal and the money is available, and I understand we're trying to negotiate now; in fact, if the negotiators are saying, well, they've got the money, why should we negotiate? Do you think that has any effect on what a negotiation might be to lower the amount of funds that are being demanded?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I could not disagree more. I don't know why you would negotiate with somebody who doesn't have the ability to write you a check when you agree to the settlement, number one; and number two, I don't know why you'd negotiate with somebody who doesn't have the money, you know they don't have the money, and if they don't have the money, they owe you 10 percent until they get it.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Again, I haven't made up my mind that how...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...I want to go with this. I could...time. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator. Sorry. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Mirror, mirror, on the wall. What's the fairest tax of all? The tax that I don't have to pay is the fairest tax and that is what we've always said. It would appear to me that, under the Brashear amendment, that that's what we're saying, is the fairest tax is one that we don't have to pay but those successors, those coming behind us will pay. That's a burden I really don't want to put on them. Do you think for a moment, and I just pulled this out, this was from the 24th of March