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both of which he recommended to the Appropriations Committee and publicly recommended. Then we move through crunch time, and what happens? The Governor continues to push the costly programs, when obviously we have no money whatsoever, and he involves himself in those processes, encourages us all to...and puts agency resources to the lobbying effort to get all these things done, people here, people there, working it, working it, working it, and we get it done, but there's no money. Then the Governor bails out on all the money side. I didn't see anybody here working the sales tax issue. So I ask you, what kind of leadership is that, when you push, push, push for new expenses in a year when we have no money, and then bail out when it comes time to make good on your promises for either expenditure cuts in other places, as the cut to state aid to education, or increasing the sales tax revenues? That, to me, is the very worst kind of leadership, to take responsibility for expenditures and then to bail out on the costs. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. On with discussion, Senator Chambers, advancement of LB 1090.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, some point in the evening yesterday, I had said I was going to offer an amendment to LB 1093 to put that amount from \$1.05 on the levy to \$1.10, that I was going to offer \$1.07. Well, I'm not going to do that either. I'm not going to raise any taxes. And I'm also not going to support any gas tax increases, any that are substantial. I can't wait till next session. We're going to have to be scrambling to find some money. We're going to be looking at programs that various senators want to advance which will cost money. There will be lobbyists here, there, and everywhere, competing against each other to see if the client who has hired them will be served. So those lobby battles will be transferred to the floor of the Legislature. And because people outside the Legislature will be dictating, to some extent, what happens on the floor, the Governor will be dictating, to a great extent, what will happen on the floor, then individual senators may have the gall to think they have the right to push for something they would like to see happen, in the midst of all of that chaos, it's going to be difficult to legislate by cloture. Now the clever lobbyists