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don't want to pay that one. We're getting lobbied from the high-income people, and I'm going to hear about it from the chambers of commerce. But I was willing to have some kind of a combination. I was willing to increase my own income tax and my own sales tax. I was not real thrilled with the surcharge on electricity. But doggone it, if we're going to have to pay this 150-160 million dollars...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR HUDKINS: ...now, with \$7,000 of interest a day, what is it going to be when that interest goes to, I think, \$44,000 a day? That's just more money that we're going to have pay. You can start now and accumulate something ahead of time, or you can really scramble next year and the year after that. So I am really frustrated. I don't know what I'm going to do on LB 1090. Maybe I'll just go out in the hall and take a walk. But I'm just really upset with some of my colleagues this morning. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. (Visitors announced.) On with discussion of the advancement of LB 1090 to E & R for engrossing. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I really kind of wonder whether I ought to get up, because I don't think I'm going to like what I say. (Laughter) First of all, Senator Chambers, welcome to the Republican Party. You said that you were a "do-nothing" member, and that's what Harry Truman applied to the Republican Congress from 1946 to 1948. I guess what I would ask the members of the body is this: In the history of the United States, which Presidents do we remember? Harding? Chester A. Arthur? Fillmore? No. We remember the Washingtons, the Lincolns, the Roosevelts. All of the great Presidents, when they were put in a world-class predicament, if you will, responded. Those are the ones we remembered. When I was coming down here, some of my people asked me, my goodness, why do you want to go down there in what may be the worst times that the Unicameral has ever encountered? And I said, what a great opportunity to help this state do the right thing. Well, for those of you that are...now belong to the "do-nothing" party, go