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Presidents that he mentioned would be the example for them. What about the New Deal? Who cares about that? Who wants to do that? And Warren Harding's middle name was "G.", and he was so unknown that if you just say Warren Harding, people don't know who you're talking about. But if you say Warren G. Harding, Warren Gamaliel Harding, then people say, oh yeah, the guy that nobody knows anything about. You've got to put all those initials, all the parts of the name in place. And since this is going to be a "do-nothing" effort, something has to result from it. It would be good for people to have the opportunity to vent about what the dire consequences will be if nothing is done. Early on in the session, I emphasized my belief that the income tax ought to be raised. Senator Hudkins mentioned that she'd be willing to have her income tax raised to some extent. But she's in favor of raising the sales tax too, and I'm not. It won't hurt rich people like her, because she has discretionary income that doesn't have to be taxed by way of the sales tax. Poor people spend every penny that they've got, and they indebt themselves for pennies they don't have. So whatever the rate of tax placed on the sales tax, by way of the sales tax, is the tax on the income of the poor. Everything they spend is taxed. These people who have discretionary income, these people who get government subsidy payments, are in a position to say, well, let's do it this way, let's do it that way, and I know the poor are going to gripe, because they're not poor. I'm going to speak for the poor. And when those arrogant, self-seeking people who get bigger handouts from the government than the poor will ever get in their lifetime stand up and express their views, I'm going to stand and express mine. Abraham Lincoln made a comment which could apply to roaches, ants, and debts. He said, God must have really loved the poor man, because he made so many of them. Well, there are more bacteria and...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...viruses than there are people. But many statements that sound good on their face will not withstand scrutiny and analysis. So I think we're going to have the opportunity to spend a long time on this bill this morning. And I'm going to assure that I have several more opportunities to speak. Thank you, Mr. President.