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vote on this floor. Terry Moore can't put his finger on a button here. But they have people who will. My colleagues are the ones who push those buttons, who debate and argue in favor of what those people out there in the lobby want. My attention has to be focused on my colleagues in this Chamber. We have seven or eight days, six or seven days, not a whole lot of days left. And I will be honest now, I've tried to make you all feel good and give you hope early in the session by telling you that I'd run down, I'd get tired, and I'd wear out. Well actually, I'm not going to do that. If we had one more day than the number left, I would. But I've got just enough energy to carry me the rest of the session. And no bills are off limits, as far as I'm concerned. If that gas tax stays on, I don't care about the budget bill, I don't care about special sessions, I don't care about anything. The line has been drawn, and I am not going to watch poor people--although rich people buy gasoline too--be gouged by an increase in the gas tax for a program such as this, which those whose sector of the economy are benefited ought to pay the freight on. Senator Wehrbein is presenting us with an amendment that ought to be adopted. Then this bill can go on its merry way, as far as I'm concerned. But if it retains that damaging provision, then I'm going to fight it...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...as long as I possibly can. And I'm sure that the Speaker understands that. He may not like it. Others will understand it too, though they may not like it. But there are a lot of people driving cars who will, if they're aware of it, will appreciate the fact that somebody on this floor was trying to stop the gouging that is occurring at the pump. This will make the theft legal, and I don't want that to happen. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. We are on debate of the Cunningham amendment, AM3536. Seeing no lights, Senator Cunningham, to close on your amendment.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Madam President, I'd like to withdraw that amendment.