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Senator Chambers' name and mine. Was I recognized to speak?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I called Senator...I called Senator Preister first, Senator Chambers. I'm sorry. You're following Senator Preister. I'm sorry, I didn't make that clear, maybe. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: We were both otherwise occupied. Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to say that I appreciate any effort to make this a more streamlined, easier to understand process for the contractors. I think that Senator Stuthman had the best solution of all; that is, he had an amendment last year to keep it from happening at all that at least 22 others of us supported, and it would have avoided a lot of the problems that the contractors are going through now. Since that's not what we're discussing, Senator Landis, I appreciate your efforts to at least make it easier. I've had a lot of contractors contact me with problems. One of those problems is what I would ask you a question of. One of the issues has been what I think you're attempting to address here with the 60 percent sales tax on the total bill, as I understand it, but maybe I'm not totally understanding it. One of the issues that was raised is that the contractors would go out and they would buy the material. They would pay the sales tax on that and then on their total bill they would then give the bill and, on the total bill, add sales tax again. So, for some contractors, they were double taxing, or the state was getting double taxation. They were getting taxed when the contractor bought the goods; then they were putting that total...that total amount on the bill so the customer essentially was being taxed doubly. They thought that was very unfair. I think what you're attempting to do is to deal with that. I would at this point ask you to clarify that or to help me to understand how this would address that particular problem. So, Mr. President, I would ask if Senator Landis would answer that question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. The answer is, yes, we're trying to do that, and the answer is also that we're going to get to that issue on the next amendment. Let me tell