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to the fiddler's music. Then, when the fiddler is through and says, pay me what you owe me, they say, we don't want to pay you, because we got out of you what we wanted. The dance is over; we don't need you anymore. So the fiddler, crestfallen, walks away sadder but wiser, and will not be bitten by those critters again. The piper was the Pied Piper in the town of Hamelin. And the city council, composed of politicians like we have in this body and any other political assembly, needed somebody to get rid of these rats. They were everywhere, everywhere--in the high silk hats, in the baby's crib, in the cupboards, in the library. Everyplace a living creature could exist, rats were there, and the politicians couldn't figure out how to get rid of them. So here comes this guy in the funny clothes, with a little flute. And he said, I can get rid of your rats for you. They said, you can? Desperate people will go for anything, because they know they can't be any worse off than they are now. So they wanted to strike a deal. And he said, I'll get rid of your rats, but you have to compensate me. And they worked out the deal. They didn't really believe that he could get rid of the rats. So he stepped out into the street, put the flute to his lips, and began to blow.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Lo and behold, there was a whirring and a stirring, and everybody in town heard it. They noticed in their homes that the rats were leaving the houses, going out into the street. And when they looked out into the street, what to their wondering eyes should appear but...I'll turn on my light and finish when I'm called on again, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on AM0434. Open for discussion. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Janssen. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Janssen, would you yield to a question, please, from Senator Pederson?