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I hear a tenor, I hear a second tenor and I even hear a soprano. If we could get all those people to stand by a microphone and let their bellies rumble, we'd have harmony to rival that of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, as far as the tightness of it. getting back to this bill, and I do appreciate the fact that Senator Cunningham gave me a bit of time. There are two sides business which has everything, workers who have next to nothing. And the Legislature, following business' lead, would take away that next to nothing which they have. You could get that Cabela's bill out there, a giveaway, one of the most insane types of giveaways that I think have been presented to us. could be wrong. That's why Radcliffe wanted Senator Landis to introduce it, and that's why I think some members of the Revenue Committee decided to send it out here. Business can get that done. We can't get \$10 more a week for people who are off work. We can't get it because business says the state is too hard on us right now. People are not going to take the time to look at the unemployment compensation system. They're going to take what business tells them and what their minions tell them. So I have to do the work for all of the working people who would be harmed, and I'm going to do it and I will stand against the 48 other senators. Why do I say 48? If there are those who are in favor of the working people, you don't see them here advocating for them. You know why they're not here? When the hard lifting and heavy work is to be done, it's left to me, and they knew that I would take the rest of the time this morning and take us So they're all gone, but they'll pretend that they have an interest in the working people's plight. But when the work has to be done, they don't do it. And I know there are people who work hard who wind up being pushed off the job, and it is said that they either lost...left voluntarily or because of misconduct. Some of these people feel if they can be treated so unfairly in being fired, there is no appeal that would do any good. They think any talk to the Commissioner of Labor or anybody else would simply be a routine pro forma appearance and nothing would change, so they just spend their time trying to find another job and hope they're not messed over again. Does this body care? No. Do I care? You better believe it and I'm going to demonstrate it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers and Senator