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pattern here, thanks to Senator Cunningham. And maybe we can even think about transference of that system to the state reserve fund. Another interesting thing in the charts of November of last year. It showed that from 19...from 2001 on to the present day, there has been a dramatic increase in the insured unemployment rate. We're all aware of that. Times haven't been good. But what's interesting about it, despite that sharp increase,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Beutler. Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers, on FA108 to the divided committee amendments.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm glad that Senator Beutler has weighed in on this subject. I am very much opposed to poor people to being...to vulnerable people always being the scapegoats and the victims of political maneuvering and manipulations. And during my time in the Legislature, it has been primarily by the "Repelicans," who are in tight with business. On the federal level, you saw the "Repelicans" and these so-called conservative "Chrishians" got together and pushed Congress off into something Congress should not have been involved in. That same "busybodiness" at the federal level, however, is found at the state level, on the floor of this Legislature, when you look at some of the meddlesome, hateful, intolerant legislation supported by some of the members of this Legislature. Why am I talking about this? Because all of it is going to tie in eventually to what happens to working people. These groups will have the word "family" somewhere in what they talk about. But you will not see them ever, on an issue like this, where the workers are being affected and where families will be harmed. You will never see them come forth when we see inequities in the juvenile justice system, which messes over children. They are not concerned about how these children are treated when they're put in state-run juvenile facilities. But whenever they can jump on that so-called abortion issue, here they come like buzzards and vultures who have found a little bit of carrion, and they flock to it, and they bring the odiousness with them of those birds who are scavengers. What is the first thing they want to say? The family is the unit of society. You got to protect the