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building, and that's like the cattle call, and the legislators go running, "boogity, boogity, boogity," to jump on the bus and go be fed by the business interests. They don't have to bribe anybody in Nebraska. A meat loaf sandwich and a chicken dinner makes people feel obligated and obliged, because businesspeople smiled at them, were nice to them,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and patted them on the head. So we come up with a bill such as this, which gives business everything they want. Senator Cunningham wants to say that the premium that they have to pay into this fund--which they robbed and depleted in years past--is somehow a sacrifice for them. No, the thieves were caught with the goods, and they're being asked to just give back part of them. And the workers are to make up the rest. The victims are to make up for what the malefactors stole. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on FA113, offered by Senator Chambers to the first part of the divided committee amendments. On with discussion. Senator Landis, followed by Senators Beutler, Loudon, and Chambers. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'll take some of the pressure off Ernie for the amount of time that's going to be needed here, by taking up a couple of minutes with a quick look back historically. I voted for the last amendment. It's possible there are other amendments I will vote for. I'm looking for a bill with some balance to it. It may be here, but I think that Senator Beutler and Senator Chambers are arguing that it's not here. And I will make an attempt to find balance if I possibly can. The reason I speak--because I don't intend to offer amendments, but I certainly am enjoying in listening to the debate--was because of a representation with respect to workers' compensation about ten years ago. Senator Chambers said, I think, that this was a replay of that one, and said it was a sellout, that the labor folks who had agreed to that provision had sold out their interests, and that Senator Chambers had been the true voice, I think, on behalf of those