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SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was not successful, and I do raise the call. We're back to consideration of FA131, amendment to AM0967 to LB 150. Further discussion? Senator Chambers, you're recognized on FA131. Senator Chambers, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Kremer and I from time to time are still trying to talk about what we're going to do. So I am not ignoring the Chair, but I'm not always aware that my name has been called. The amendment that is before us right now is an amendment to my amendment. And that amendment would...if you look on your gadget, on page 12, in the green copy of the bill, line 14, on page 12, we would strike the word "or" and insert the word "nor." In line 18, on page 12 of the green copy, we would strike the word "proper" and insert "appropriate." And I'm going to do a little mentoring here today. By offering an amendment that deals with two words, I really get an opportunity to offer three amendments. The first amendment attempts to deal with both of the words together as a package. If that is rejected and not added to my amendment, I will then move to strike just the word "or" and insert "nor." That's the second opportunity. If that is accepted or not, I will then take the word "proper," strike it, and insert "appropriate." And that will give me three amendments dealing with two words. And my main aim is to just take time. This bill, LB 150, is antidemocratic. I have mentioned the difference between what is being done with this bill, and a tax. Senator Loudon has not paid attention. I want him to take that big hat off his head, because the band must be too tight. It's restricting the flow of blood, and he's not able to think. Now, if anybody knows the difference between an assessment such as this and a tax on property, it's Senator Loudon. His first name means "The King." How would he get to be king? Oh, that's right, the kingship is hereditary. And how...and Solomon once said, how do we know whether the one who follows us will be a wise person or an unwise person? So "The King" Loudon needs a bit of a refresher course. Senator Loudon, when property taxes are assessed, that tax is not voluntary. You must pay it. You're not going to be offered the opportunity to get it back. But that tax that they take from you is not a borrowing from you to give to Senator