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Included was an allegedly consecrated communion wafer. The god of mammon didn't smile this time, though. Before the items could be snatched up by some outfit like the casino that spent \$28,000 for the sandwich and \$10,600 for the pretzel, a California man secured them for \$2,000. Two thousand dollars is enough to make somebody smile, for a cracker. Continuing: Bill Osbourne, O-s-b-o-u-r-n-e, said he just wanted the "host" off the market, according to an account of the transaction on the SpiritDaily.com and in the Sioux City Journal. "That's Jesus in that host, " he said. That's what sets this particular tackiness apart. Catholics believe that unleavened bread, blessed by a priest in a Mass with Jesus' words at the Last Supper, ("This is my body") is permanently changed into the "body, blood, soul, and divinity" of Christ, not that the seller seemed to notice. Quote: First of all, the seller wrote, I am not Catholic and do not believe I'm going to hell for selling this collectible, unquote. The seller claimed to have been in Rome, notice claimed, to have been in Rome for the Mass in question. He wrote that he entered the line...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to receive communion, then went back for another host which he kept. One can only imagine the community outrage of someone posed as a member of a Jewish congregation and made off with the Torah scrolls, offering them on eBay. Multicultural revulsion would erupt if someone looted a Native American burial site and tried to auction the bodies as memorabilia. People of good will and good taste would understand and defend those reactions. Catholics, no doubt, will be watching for signs of similar sensitivity when their beliefs are seen as just another commodity to be exploited in the global marketplace. End of the editorial. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to speak and this will be your third time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. When I see this kind of sensitivity over a