

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office  
FLOOR DEBATE

April 19, 2005      LB 70

mentioned, with the magi giving away the state because the chamber of commerce wants it, I say they need to put on their helmets. The "Duchess" spoke of an armor, suit of armor. That's what the magi and the Governor--he's Herod--need to put on when they bring that mess to the Legislature. And when they bring the budget bill, get ready. Buckle up your chin straps, because it's going to be a long, hard, bumpy ride, and I don't think you can get 33 votes to pass the budget without any consideration given to the various issues in it. I might keep us on the budget the rest of the session. Thank you, Mr. President. But I do support Senator Smith's bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Erdman, followed by Senator Baker.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. I wonder if Senator Chambers would yield...to a question. I'm sorry.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I won't yield to temptation, but I'll yield to any questions you want to ask me.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Senator Chambers,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...on your last speech, I'm trying to put in my mind maybe who the magi would be. And just curious if you'd like to disclose that, since I haven't had the opportunity to read the paper yet.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, Senator Don Pederson, Senator David Landis--the three wise men--Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. And each has a different story to tell, but they all bring gifts, extorted from the people, to lay at the feet of "Herod" and the chamber of commerce and the other big shots who gouge the public and plunder the treasury.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Senator Chambers. That's...