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again, we have an infraction on one side, and a \$50 fine on the seller's side. And Senator Chambers says that they should be enforcing the law anyway. Well, maybe that's true. But Senator Chambers must be particularly distressed by the helmet law now, since those cops that are sworn to uphold that law are actually going to be seeing violations that they're bound to enforce and not be able to enforce it. (Laugh) So I appreciate your stress level on all this, Senator Chambers. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on the Beutler amendment, AM1181, to FA192. Open for discussion. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Beutler may have been one of those who voted cloture when I was attacking what they've done with the helmet law. I said they made a mockery and a travesty of the law, that it was neither fish nor fowl. I even quoted the "Bibble." I would that you were hot or cold, but since you're neither one, you're lukewarm, I'll spew you out of my mouth. So he can't beat me with that stick. There is nothing in Senator Beutler's amendment that says there needs to be probable cause. This is a fishing expedition. Most of the people, if not all, at a certain establishment, made purchases for legitimate reasons. You talk about theft of identity, and you're going to trust these merchants to have one of these books secure? Somebody could walk in, and maybe they don't care about purchasing this methamphetamine precursor; they want the information in the logbook. So they take that, and they got all they need on these people. But aside from that, back to the elderly. There are old people who don't drive a car. They don't have an identification card. So they hobble down to the store, as Senator Bourne wants them to do, and they want to make a purchase, and the clerk is required to say, show me some identification. Show me your driver's license or your state identification card. The old person says, well, I don't have it. Senator Bourne would say, well, they need to go out and get it. I'm telling you what happens in the real life of elderly people. And the people on this floor don't care, obviously. You want to get a "nothing" bill. Even with what Senator Beutler is offering, you're not going to touch the trade.