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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the lobby is empty. Why do you think the lobbyists are not out there on this bill? Because they put the Legislature on automatic pilot. The orders have been given, the orders have been received, and I don't know which camera to look at, but I know where you are, over there eating and sponging and mooching off the lobbyists. I could tell one of my very, very gagging jokes, but I won't. Let them eat over there, sponging and mooching off the lobbyists. That's where they are right now. They don't have pride. That's why they probably support this bill. All they have to do is give them a meat loaf sandwich and a chicken dinner. I wonder if they're going to come over here complaining about the freebies this evening, like they always do. Well, I did tell them I'm the complaint department now. But as I look out there, that room...that lobby ought to be full. But they're not worried about anything. All that these senators are doing is standing up here and testifying about how great business is. Oh, they...business is wonderful. They ought to sing that song, "I Love You Truly," truly, dear. That's what they ought to say about business. And that's monkey business. Senator Mines said that some of these businesses are now off the doles and are on the rolls. He didn't say it quite like that, but that's what it is. And he might be correct and he may not be. But since my colleagues have taken a powder, while they go sponge and mooch, I thought I'd have the opportunity to say a few words, because I didn't want there to be nobody speaking on this bill. We always hear people, especially myself, emphasizing that one Legislature cannot bind another one. I started touching on this the last time. These businesses have lawyers, shrewd, savvy, cunning lawyers, and they know how to get the Legislature, not only in this state but all around the country, in a bind. They own the legislatures. So they get them into a contractual relationship, and if in years to come--Senator Beutler and I were talking about it--there comes a lessening of money, and tax cuts are not going to be possible, spending cuts, and they'll blame it on Medicaid, because the businesses have protected what they are getting from the Legislature under a contractual umbrella, they will not be