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Everybody knows this is the wink and the nod bill, but you all will go for it because it's big business, and I'll criticize you. One of the most effective political tools is that of satire, ridicule and sarcasm, and senators certainly can be ridiculed when they do things such as this, can be mocked and taunted. Poor "Caballa's," on the one hand known all over the world, and people tell you when you're from Nebraska, oh, you're lucky, I know about "Caballa's" out there, that's what I know about. I don't know when it was that I first heard about it, but most of my adult life, I had never heard of it. And when I heard the name, I didn't know what it was. But people all over the world know about it. That's what Nebraska is known for, more for that than the football team. I don't believe that, because they think Nebraska is a big football field, "Caballa's." I don't even know how to pronounce it. Is it Caballa, Cabela? It doesn't make any difference. People know what is being discussed. This bill ought to do back to committee, and the Revenue Committee should strike out everything that relates to this retail establishment. So here's what you're doing. You're giving this aid to a retail establishment, which you've been unwilling to do; you're diverting sales tax money, which Senator Landis said hadn't been done before; all for a retail establishment which is so prosperous and such an allure that they draw people from all over the world. And you got to help them. And you don't have enough money to alleviate the poverty within this state. Those impoverished areas in the rural parts of this state, some of them are most...are more impoverished than anywhere else in the country, and you would not talk about dropping a dime directly into those areas. And that's what I criticize a lot of these so-called assistance programs for. They don't go right where the problem is. I was driving down here today and there was an advertisement for University of Nebraska Medical Center. They can do some oncology work and they have developed a method of delivering, I guess, radiation. The accuracy is greater than half the thickness of a dime. In other words, there is less spillover onto nonaffected tissue, so the side effects are not as great. They brag about that. They boast about that. Well, should they? Maybe they should. And what does that have to do with all of this? You try to direct the treatment to the infected area that is to be healed, cured, or treated. But in