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one who helped cobble that together, persuading us to raise sales taxes, even on the place where little Nicole goes to get her grooming. Nicole is that tiny little toy poodle of Cindy's. Now sales tax has to be paid there, and I voted to up it. Why? So Cabela's cannot pay any sales tax? Nicole has to pay sales tax, so Cabela doesn't have to pay any? And some of us labored. I don't vote for increases in sales tax, but I did it and now look where we have come. It's wrong and I think that vote indicated that this bill is not going to go anywhere, but I can't take anything for granted. I've got to fight it tooth and nail, as though the votes are here, and that's what I intend to do. At some point, I will not have these types of motions that I can make until tomorrow. Tomorrow, tomorrow; tomorrow is tomorrow; tomorrow is another day, and I will be here, Senator Erdman. I will be here at my post, (laugh) maintaining and sustaining and explaining. If this bill does not pass, as it shouldn't, and I think it won't, all we will have done is to have spent a lot of time on the floor, so Cabela's will have gotten that out of us. But it plays into my hands because the longer we go on this bill the more my attitude changes toward other things. I had been interested in trying to facilitate the successful conclusion of the session, but I'm rapidly changing that point of view. The only one that could keep us on something like this is a big outfit like Cabela's. It shouldn't have gotten out of committee, this bill should not have, but now it's out here. We had another committee breakdown, a committee malfunction, if you will, where two bills were sent out here dealing with a gas problem, bills going in opposite directions, and both of them were sent out here and we got to deal with that. And I've been put right in the middle of that, too. A motion was made to recommit one of them and I moved to reconsider it, because if one is recommitted, both of them ought to be recommitted. But we got to get to that other one to see how it's going to be dealt with. So I've got to take time on that, try to bring us to a halt to see where we're going to go, and that's what I'll do. I may as well talk about this as anything else, because it's a part of the process. And the further we go and the closer we get to the end, the more of these types of discussions you're going to hear, not just from me. When I was driving down here today I heard discussions on the radio about this so-called nuclear strategy to end