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to talk a little bit again about the mechanisms in the bill, what they do do, what we might be able to make them do, if people are interested, for the purpose of reassuring ourselves, to some extent, that unfair competition will be considered at the retail level when decision making is in process. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Friend and others.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the Revenue Committee Chairman, in the interest of full disclosure, should have pointed out that TIF, or that tax increment funding, is a local matter. It does not take sales tax money. They talk about property tax. It is not taking any money out of the state treasury. So the two things are not even the same. But when a person has a bad bill, there is an intentional blurring of the lines. And he knows better. And I've seen him make distinctions of that kind in the past. He forgets how many years I've been with him, and he forgets that I know how many actual filibusters he participated in actively when we were dealing with anti-abortion bills. Oh, he was very active. Now, that's what I call hypocritical. He's not interested in the rule of the majority. He has seen bills take eight hours. He was even offering dilatory amendments on LB 312. He offered an amendment to send it back to committee. That's not discussing the bill. And he was not serious about it. He has done the very thing that he's now condemning. But it's all right for him to do it. But he's not going to stand up as Mr. Self-Righteous, and above everybody else, and so noble because he wouldn't stoop to such a thing. And it also is not up to him to decide what people are going to talk about on this floor. We are all grown. He wants to talk about the bill. I bet they're not going to talk about the bill. So what? They don't have to talk about what he wants them to talk about. He doesn't own anything in here. Maybe his committee he does. But I will do as I think I ought to do. And he has done it, too. When Senator Foley talked one of my bills to death last session, I did not stand up and say, somebody call the question. Nor did I say Senator Foley was wrong. I've done it. That's a part of the system. If I can give it, I can take it. And that's what Senator Landis ought to do. But you spoiled him by giving him