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LB 312, and he's been praised by everybody about what a great job he has done. Now he's going to try to dictate to people and pretend that what is happening now is strange. It has happened, and he has participated in it. And for new people who are unaware of it, I want to call your attention to it. We will discuss the bill, and we'll discuss my motions. Because I'm going to keep offering them, and Senator Landis knows that. I'm sure Radcliffe is out there orchestrating this. When Dave...when Senator Landis loses his general ability to be logical and straightforward, it's because--I believe this; now, it may not be true--orders are coming from outside the glass. This is a Walt Radcliffe bill. And as Senator Redfield pointed out, this is, strictly speaking, a retail establishment bill. We're dealing with a store. And somebody said that most of what they sell is clothing. I've never been there. If Cabela's wants to go to some of these local operations who might be affected and use TIF, as Senator Landis suggested is going on everywhere else, let them. And then those people at that local level who decide to give Cabela's all of these concessions can face their voters. I'm a state senator. I'm not a city council member. We're not dealing with tax increment funding...financing. We're dealing with taking tax revenue that should go to the state and giving it over to a private retail operation which is also a publicly traded company, to help improve their bottom line...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...for their investors. Cabela's is not interested in the people of Nebraska. And I'm glad Senator Redfield pointed out where they are incorporated. Don't feel that just because somebody happens to be in your state that they care about your state and the welfare of the people here. They want to make money. And if it's so much easier to go someplace else and do what they're doing, let them do it. With all of the giveaways that are occurring in LB 312, in not many years, there is going to be a piper to be paid, and others are going to be fighting to deal with the shortfall that is going to happen as a result of what this session of the Legislature did. They'll be talking about cutting the university, services, or raising taxes. That's where you mortgage those who will come after us.