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expenditures. People who don't have, don't make the money. People who are uncertain about the future are hesitant. So what we're trying to do with the moratorium is produce, not something evil, not thwarting progress, but a level playing field and a standstill, so we don't have a situation where somebody, either way, where a public entity spends the public's money to try and get a strategic advantage, or where a private entity won't spend the money it earns, within the total scheme of the marketplace, to progress technology. Those are competitive things. People have to be certain, before they invest money, that they can get a return on their investment. If they don't, then you have situations like we see playing out at the national level, where the public ends up picking up pension funds. I don't quite understand that one. But all the while...all the people who are responsible are getting paid. We're trying to do an orderly thing here. Retail ban that doesn't seem to be upsetting anybody, a moratorium, a thorough study, get a report back to the Legislature, let the Legislature speak as a matter of public policy about how we will move into an era where technology is going to be--I'm reminded of, "It's the economy, stupid." Well, maybe the next version of that sign is going to be, "It's technology, stupid," or "It's China, stupid." But we have to get information, basic information. We're standing here without the basic information, as to the how and why and wherefore and by whom. We should approach technology...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: ...in this state, which is unique among all the states, and therefore must approach the question uniquely--we alone are totally dedicated to public power. So I rise against, respectfully, against the amendment, urge the adoption of the Transportation Committee amendment, and thank you for your attention.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Louden, followed by Senator Schimek, on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body. Since I probably live as far from the central out at the ranch as anybody else here--perhaps Senator Fischer might--but