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past, I chose not to tell the rest of the story until it suited my purpose to do so. The rest of the story is that the "Silver Fox," our Speaker, wrote out a personal check for \$700 to the City Mission, so that there could be something of value derived. And I think it's commendable. Now it means much less coming out of his pocket than mine, because my pockets are so thin.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In fact, if I turned my pocket inside out, all you'd see were three keys, and nothing else. I had a hole in it before I came here this morning and passed through the lobbyists. Now that's gone. But at any rate, the next time I speak I'm going to address my remarks directly to the bill, but I wanted to acknowledge what the Speaker had done, because I think it restores the integrity of the Legislature, because some people could have gotten the idea that it was an empty gesture to say that food would be given to the City Mission, when it was known that that would not happen. That is not the way it occurred. Things do take place. But I personally want to thank the Speaker for what he did, and if he wants a contribution, I'll throw in a quarter or so. That's about all I can come up with. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion. Senator Chambers, you may continue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now I will be completely serious and in dead earnest. But Ernest is not dead yet. Members of the Legislature, what is it that we have before us today? We have a bill which contains language authorizing a study, a study to determine whether these private investor-owned entities should have an open field, without any possibility of competition from public entities, which are fully capable of providing the same types of services, although maybe not at the same level, and there may be some other differences. So the issue is whether or not--while this study is going on, and for a year after it terminates--the public entities should be kept off the field, kept on the sidelines while the private entities run up and down the field, scoring at both ends, at will. I'm sure that none of you believe that these public...these private entities are going