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SENATOR CHAMBERS: I've got to turn my light on one more time.
(Laugh)

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, you enjoyed saying that too much. I could hear the laughter in your voice. What does the facilitator do? Okay, here we go: You there, Stuthman, say something. Don't just sit there like a knot on a log. Quit talking to McDonald. (Laughter) Connealy, what are you even here for? Um-hum, Fischer, if you want to say something, raise your hand. All right, well, not now. You're out of order. There is my good friend, Senator Louden, just kind (Laughter) of taking it all in. But that's not what we want these members We don't want them taking it all in. We've taken in the public; now we want to spend this money right. We've got to put on a show. We've got to make it look like we're doing something, \$100,000. I'm not a gambler, in the sense of knowing how to gamble. But there are a few more play-off games in the NFL. You all give me \$100,000 and I'll guarantee you to at least give you back what you give me, and I'll probably give you that, plus something. Senator Burling can't offer you that. When you give it to him, it's gone, except you have this facilitator that I've been talking about, wearing galluses. If you all don't know what that is, check it out, especially Senator Friend. He's too young to know anything about that, and he might even have some. (Laugh) Not calluses, galluses. \$100,000 for the facilitator, who may also be a negotiator, and is going to have to be a navigator to get that commission through these rocky waters. And there is Senator Raikes, the economist, telling us in these times we ought to throw away \$100,000. You know what they say about economists: If you took all the economists in the world and laid them end to end, they couldn't reach a conclusion. (Laughter) Then I add, but if they did, it would be wrong. They just give opinions. opinion is as good as theirs. It's not as credible, because I don't have the training to entitle me to make bonehead calculations and projections and predictions. If they knew anything, why would the economy be in such bad condition? All they'd have to do is look at these numbers and crunch them and