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amendment by striking Section 1. (FA352, Legislative Journal page 411.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, to give advice to my colleagues, I will quote--I'm not going to try to sing it--from a song I learned as a very small lad: "Ay, ay, ay, ay, canta y no llores, porque cantando se alegran, cielito lindo, los corazones." Anyway, that says sing and dance; don't cry. I don't want anybody to cry today. I am exacting the "Ernie" tax, but I come to you and Senator Schrock and those who have worked on this bill, including myself, not as the hooded executioner whose intent is to chop the head off this bill. I am not coming to exact a death tax on this bill, just a bit of time. And the tiny bit of time that I'm going to take should not distress anybody. The solar system is considered to be 4,500,000,000 years old, 4,500,000,000 years old. A lifetime is as nothing compared to that. The hundreds of thousands of years, perhaps, give or take a few, that the creatures which eventually evolved into human beings were on the face of the earth is as nothing compared to the age of the solar system. The universe itself is far older than the solar system. So if things are viewed, as Einstein suggested, relatively speaking, it is easier to endure those things that are unpleasant. I am not going to take more than eight hours on this bill. I am not going to take even eight hours on this bill. However, I could be telling the truth with that statement if I would consume, with the help of some of my colleagues, or they may choose to set it out...sit it out and see how much stamina I have, I could consume 7 hours, 59 minutes, 59.5 seconds, and still be telling the truth. But still it would be a lesser period of time than eight hours. This is the type of bill, however, where I do think some clarification and explanation are warranted. Rather than proceed with a request for a division of the question, I am going to take a different approach, because the bill is one entity, and there is no logical or rational way to divide out any part of it without damaging the whole, w-h-o-l-e. So what I will do, since time is what I am after, is offer motions to strike various sections from the bill. That will give me a