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discussion. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, it's not often that I catch the Chairman of the Revenue Committee in an error, especially when we're discussing something as mundane as this. He said it's the Tax Equalization...and what, Senator? And Review Commission. That's...he got it correct. But before, he said "Committee." And the only reason I want it in the record, so people will be aware that this is an operation that has serious duties and responsibilities. It's not a committee. And Senator Landis just misspoke, as I'm sure I've done many times on the floor. But the letters are T-E-R-C, and it's referred to as TERC, and I always call it "turkey." I was not going to say anything except that Senator Landis said "Committee" instead of "Commission," but I was very pleased when he mentioned that...I'd like to ask Senator Landis how you correctly pronounce the gentleman's last name. Is it Warnes?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis, would you yield?

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Chambers, I called him Mr. Warnes in the committee, and he didn't correct me.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR LANDIS: So I think that's how you pronounce the name.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'll buy that. There was a singer, her first name was Jennifer, and I think it's spelled the same way, and I've heard people say "Warren," "War-ness," and different pronunciations. And so I'm going to take yours as the official one, because somebody whose name it is would have had the opportunity to correct it. And his name is spelled W-a-r-n-e-s, for anybody who may be following the discussion. What really pleased me about Senator Landis' presentation here is that the gentleman speaks Spanish. When the commission, which formerly only had gobblers, we now have a "bilingualist," I certainly intend to support this nomination. And if I were more given to emotion, Senator Landis, I would say, I support this nomination with a song in my heart. And if I felt that way, I'm sure you'd rather it stay in my heart and not find its way past my lips.