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long time coming. It's been sitting here on General File this session, and we need to go ahead and provide that tax relief to individuals driving low-cost vehicles, and I also strongly believe that anyone that can afford a vehicle that costs over \$78,000 should pay their fair share of tax. And that's...the amendment we're working on now, FA381, is geared only toward the low-end vehicles, and it lowers the fees additionally from what they were in the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. You've heard the opening on FA381, which is an amendment to AM1859. Open for discussion. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I appreciate the work that Senator Baker had done on this bill on the low end. I know a lot of women who are the sole head of a household, and they're driving what amount to jalopies, rattletraps, and if they can be on the high end of that category, maybe even a "rattlelac," not a Cadillac, a "rattlelac." And the amounts of money that these women spend for anything can sometimes be devastating to a budget, which can only be called a budget because you have no other name to apply to their meager earnings and the overwhelming expenses that they face. I wish there were some way to either provide them with decent transportation or have jobs created nearer to where they live. But in the meantime, Senator Baker has been willing to agree to the reductions that my amendment would make on the lower end, as far as those fees that these people driving these kinds of vehicles will have to pay. I thought I was going to have to battle him on this. I could have spent three hours sleeping last night instead of contriving a way to bludgeon him into submission, but it was totally unnecessary. And I want to acknowledge the fact that I appreciate his willingness to work through this relatively small part of the bill. But I think, by what we're doing, it will produce a result that will benefit people who may not even be aware that the Legislature, for a change, has done something that will redound to their benefit. But at least, when they're counting out those nickels and dimes and pennies, they will have a few more left than would ordinarily be the case. And while I'm speaking, I'd like to express my condolences to two of my colleagues I read about in the paper. One got a check for