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I'm not sure what the process...what we're going through here, but Senator Cudaback, perhaps, can get on the mike and explain to...what we're doing. I'm actually opening on AM0800, I realize that. But I'm going to ask you to vote red on it. It's replaced by AM1816. So with that, Speaker Brashear, I have nothing else to add, other than vote red on AM0800, the committee amendment, and we'll take up the amendment that applies, due to the recodification of all these statutes that were passed last session, toward the end of the session. Thank you.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Baker. (Visitors introduced.) Now you've heard the opening on AM0800. Senator Chambers, to the amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Presidente,...I'm just trying to see who's paying attention, who's awake, who's listening, because you had a chance to be bored and made some...well, I won't use the word "sleepy" by Senator Bourne, as he tried to do what I often do. He told you that you'd rather listen to him drone on and on and put you to sleep, than listen to me engage in extended debate on a bill. Well, we're going to put that to a test on the bill which is before us now. I have numerous amendments, but before Senator Cudaback has a heart attack, I--he wiped his brow and that's good--I want him to be aware of the nature of the amendments. You know that being only a child of a little greater growth, sometimes the devil gets in me and I will offer an amendment or two which are designed for comic relief. So Senator Cudaback and those interested in this bill, when one or two of those crop up, it's just to kind of break the trend of the way things are going, because the other amendments are very mundane, they don't really disturb what the bill is attempting to do, and I will have some questions as to some of the terminology and other aspects of the bill, which I will not offer amendments on. But in some instances, I'm going to offer amendments because that is the way I think I can get the discussion that I need in order to...not understand what's being done, because I understand it, but I don't know that the language chosen is doing that as well as it could be done. If any amendment that I offer is deemed to be hurtful to the bill, I am not going to take offense if Senator Cudaback or Senator