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are running off with Fort Knox. That's where gold is supposed to be kept, I think. They're running off with Fort Knox and I say, look, I found a piggy bank over here and there is a penny in it and I think I ought to give it to the rurals. And the rurals say, well, I know they got Fort Knox in Omaha and Lincoln, but they don't want us to get anything. And since they said they don't want us to get anything, Senator Chambers, we're not going to ask for anything, we're not going to get anything, we're not going to push for it, but in the meantime, we're going to whine and gripe about how unfairly we're treated. Oh, we are going to deal with some of these things on the floor. And when the budget bill comes back, there are several items that I'm going to address, and we're going to be on that budget bill a long, long time unless you all can pray to that God you talk to every morning through your preachers to take me away from here.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But as long as my tongue is not cleaving to the roof of my mouth and my right arm has not lost her cunning, I'm going to deal with these issues in the way that I think they should be dealt with. And, Senator Schrock, I am not in a merciful mood. I shall be Atropos for some remaining portion of the session. I had not intended to speak, as was evidenced by the fact that I turned off my light when I was called on. But having been invited into the discussion, I am not so rude and discourteous as to turn down an invitation properly extended. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I think we're probably, with the water situations, we're probably getting there. When I first came down here, why, there was a big flurry of well drilling because they thought they were going to put a moratorium on it. Now there's a big flurry of not well drilling because they think they're going to either be a property tax or there will be a usage fee or something like that. So, to me, I think the proverbial two-by-four is probably being used that something has to be done. Since then, in the last three or four years, more districts, NRD districts, are