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these not-for-profit providers to be exempt from sales tax. It is one of those things that's been done in practice. I can't imagine why, in any way, that we would want to spend more tax dollars to support paying tax dollars. And as I thought about it, we probably, if we don't do this and we tax the not-for-profits, we probably should be counting...probably should be taxing the cities and counties also. I would think that they would be good payers of sales tax dollars, and appropriately. And since they collect all of their money from property taxes, basically, then, you know, we ought to use those dollars to pay more dollars for sales tax. (Laugh) So I would urge your "supportment"...your support of AM2782, and hopefully we'll have enough senators here that we can move this amendment forward. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm glad that Senator Byars spoke so that it would give at least me a chance to get here, because I intend to support his amendment. When these so-called or supposed compromises take place, sometimes they facilitate the activity of the Legislature. Other times they inhibit and suppress what needs to be done. What has been called a compromise on this bill fits into the latter category. It is not something that facilitates what the Legislature ought to do. I realize the Governor is in favor of this. Let me be sure that I'm getting things correct before I proceed too far. I'd like to ask the Chairman of the Revenue Committee, the very esteemed and estimable...

SENATOR LANDIS: Ooh.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...Senator Landis, a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I'm not sure I recognize myself in that, but I will answer my question as best I can.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, Senator, that probably puts you in the same position as this woman who was at her husband's funeral and