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for being here illegally, from what I understand, is deportation. If that's the penalty, let's all...let's all comply with the law. The law, if we break it, we pay a penalty. If they break the law, they pay a penalty.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ENGEL: And I'm not against immigration law. We're all immigrants, every one of us. I'm a third generation immigrant, too, from Ireland, I think, and Germany, is where my parents came from, or my grandparents. And...but the thing is, that has nothing to...but I'm a United States citizen of German-Irish descent. I'm not a German-Irishman living in the United States. And I wave the United States flag. So with that, Senator Erdman, do you care for some more time? Senator Erdman, would you care for some more time, or...? I'm sorry. I yield the rest of my time to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I want to...I'm going to be very brief today. I wanted...I don't intend to drag this out, but I wanted to go on record stating my opposition to the bill. I know I'm one of the few members in the body that probably has opposition to the bill. If you remember right, there was only five of us that voted against it the other day. But, you know, I'm very adamantly opposed to this bill and it comes down to the word "illegal." And I don't believe we should reward "illegal" in any way. Now, Senator Schimek, could I ask you a couple questions? Or is she on the floor?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: You know, we've heard in the first round of debate that this wouldn't cost anything at the university. Is that kind of what we heard?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: There is no fiscal note on this bill, Senator Cunningham.