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purchases of good and services subject to Section 14. And if you go to Section 14, this would be approved by the voters in November. And if it would pass, effective in January 1 of 2005, the voters would have an opportunity to vote on those proposed increased taxes before they were in effect. I've heard members of the Legislature just recently say that there potentially could be a revolt if certain things happen. And hopefully, if we as a Legislature would respond by putting something like this out there for the voters, that they would have the ability to weigh in even more so than they already do through our process, that they would have the ability to say yes or no or to agree or disagree with our process. Now I can't say that I'm overly enamored with the idea. But then again, I've been told on the floor that it shouldn't really matter whether you're in favor or against; you should be willing to put something on the ballot. And so that is what we're intending to do. I will leave it open for discussion. I think that's fair for our process. I don't intend this taking a lot of time. I think most people probably would have an opinion on this fairly quickly. But I would leave it open for discussion. I see there are members who may have their light on. I know that I wanted to leave it open in the event that Senator Chambers would like to extend his collegiality that he has already shown this session on this issue. I would welcome that, and look forward to his response, Mr. President. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. On the motion to return for specific amendment, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, there's kind of a feeling of pride as I watch my mentees attempting to rise to the standard that I have set. You know that whenever somebody embarks on a new effort, there can be a little stumbling, a misstep here and there. But we have to look at the motivation behind it and give credit where credit is due. For a young cub to take on the almighty Kodiak I think is worthy of consideration. So I'm not going to challenge what he is doing here today, even though it would put two subjects into a constitutional proposal...a proposal to amend the constitution. What I want to do is talk about the canniness of the Speaker. Whenever there is a series or list of bills which are to be