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SENATOR SCHMIT: That is okay, I am accustomed to being picked on by the Chair but I can survive.

SPEAKER MARVEL: No, you have never been picked on by me. Go ahead.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is all right, Mr. President. I would just like to say, Senator Haberman, if the university can find a billion bucks that they can do without in some other area to provide that the funds from the...for the retirement program are not going to be an increase, then maybe there ought to be some other areas that should be scrutinized closely with a fine tooth comb. You know we talk a lot about tax relief, and we talk about shuffling funds from one pocket to another. There is always the question about who is going to get it and who is going to pay it. There is only one way to get real tax relief and that is not to expend the money. If you don't spend the money then you have a bona fide tax relief. I recognize, as I have said earlier, the concerns that those employees have with the retirement program. We have a vast number of retirement programs which we have not paid for and which we will not have the courage to fund. The cities and the counties are not doing it and I think to adopt this proposal here is wrong. I think that we should stop right now and I certainly would hope that you would not vote for this bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy, your light is on.

SENATOR MURPHY: I would just ask Senator Haberman if he would tell me the name of the lobbyist who made him that assurance because I'm going to go pose the question to him and see if he can explain to me the one about the tooth fairy.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes, I will. He has got a red sweater on and he is standing out in the rotunda. His name is Bill Swanson. Now if you want to go out there and tell Bill Swanson that he is not telling.....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Lets proceed.....

SENATOR HABERMAN:....the truth, that is fine with me.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Lets proceed with the debate that is pertinent to the issue. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, Mr. President, there has been a bit of confusion spread at this moment. . . . .

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