

amendment itself, a new body of regulation that deals with and reaches people who do not now pay on the kind of form that would be easily reached for administrative purposes. So in that sense the Wickersham amendment is helpful, it's helpful for a part of the problem that exists with the proposal. There certainly are a couple of elements that are still left there. An additional difficulty on the underlying concept for me is that 3.8 percent, or whatever the tax that's used, is applied to a \$4 an hour service worker in the same way that it's applied to a \$60 an hour middle manager, or somebody up higher in the corporation, meaning that it has an impact on the service industry more than anything else. On the other hand, even though most of my colleagues are eating pizza, there is a word that needs to be said here. There are only a few of my colleagues who are standing up and offering ways out of the jungle. Every time they get up, all the rest of us pop to our feet and start decrying their attempts at good public policy. Senator Dierks brought us one, we all jumped on it. I added my weight to the attack. Senator Hall's offered us a way out, and we've been on our feet, and here I am among them, doing the same thing. Nobody has worked harder than Senator Hall and Senator Warner, but particularly Senator Hall in trying to find a way that all of these interests can jointly walk out of the jungle together. And we have made his life miserable. Our carping, our protectionism, our looking out for a narrow sector, our listening very carefully to our favorite person in the lobby, we have made his life miserable. And the debate seems just as dispirited and desultory on this level as it did on General File, and when you go out to the lobby, it's exactly the same way. My only hope is that at some point in this debate we muster the resolve to solve the problem. Unfortunately in the quality of debate and the kind of things that we're doing, and I accuse myself, we are not putting aside differences with which to show the kind of statesmanship that will get us out of this mess. And we are not helping the people who are themselves offering us opportunities. And that's my way of saying...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...I'll vote for the Wickersham amendment, I'll vote against the amendment, and at the same time, we, as a body, and I, personally, owe a debt of thanks to those of my colleagues, Senator Hall chief among them, who are trying to give us direction when we are being so, so skittish and difficult to deal with.