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people voted to amend this bill and there could be no allowance or no acceptance of the amendment, then at least 11 more votes are going to be needed to shut off all debate and move the bill, in the current form, which 22 people's votes suggested is not necessarily the form that they would support it in. So the line has been drawn in the sand. The amendment was rejected and what we will see next, I guess, is if Senator Landis can get 33 votes to stop everything and have a vote with no additional debate or amendment. We have two senators who are trying to use that tactic already, but here is the difference. Senator Landis will be using a rule that's in the book. He'll be seeking cloture. Two of our conservative fellows, one of them in the Chamber, Senator Tyson, doesn't believe in debating issues at all so he'll vote to shut it off. He said everybody knows how they're going to vote anyway so nobody should be allowed to debate and nobody should be allowed to offer an amendment. Well, even though I and my colleagues don't always mesh, on his bill I don't think he's going to get that. I don't think he's going to get 30 senator...well, 29 counting him, to say with this kind of a bill, which is worse than it has been in the past, is going to be moved across the board without debate and without amendment. Now, Senator Brashear, when he ran up that balloon, he had something in mind. It's a part of a strategy. Senator Tyson got caught up in it. Senator Brashear moved with great circumstance and pomp and led my friend, Senator Tyson, right into the swamp. That's what happened. And when we get into this mood of saying, we don't like how things are going so we're not going to have any debate or amendment on a specific bill, they might get that on that bill. But then not only are you going to have to make the motion on every bill, you're going to have to succeed in getting that motion adopted on every bill. And if you don't, you're in my territory and you are in my hands and, as Darth Vader would say, I have you now. What about the little fish? Let them go; stay on the leader.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then David will remember this, Senator Landis. Darth Vader said, I'm on the leader. So if that's the way it's going to be, fine, but it should be that way because we're having a squabble among ourselves, not because the