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it takes. They don't have the intellectual acumen. They don't have the physical stamina. And some cannot take their full five minutes, and they're going to talk eight hours? Well, when politics comes into play and pure politics alone will destroy an issue that ought not to have been destroyed, I have been shown what the rules of the game will be. That will not be written down, but there are many unwritten rules, just like there are invisible governments. I can make people sweat when the temperature is cold enough to freeze water. Perspiration can be coaxed out of the pores by means other than an elevated temperature. I love these times when everything gets quiet, everybody is nervous, and when I decide that I, Senator Connealy, am going to wave my wand. You know what Khrushchev did, "Cross-cheff" (phonetic pronunciation), "Cruise-choff" (phonetic pronunciation)? He was in the United Nations. His country had much kill power. In this world, in this nation, kill power is what determines the outcome of events. Well, Khrushchev got up one morning. He told his wife, Mrs. Khrushchev, I think I'm going to shake up the world today. She said, well, how are you going to do that? He said, I'm not going to tell you. A marriage loses its zest when both spouses are totally predictable, so there must be some unpredictability in our marriage. There must be opportunities created when one spouse can create or generate anticipation in the other, so you're just going to have to wait and be shown when I show the world. So the UN assembled. Khrushchev was at his desk. And you know what that wily old Communist did? He bent down, he carefully untied his shoe, pulled the tongue of the shoe forward to loosen the laces, in the most gentlemanly manner removed his shoe and pounded the table on the floor of the UN and shook up the world. And his wife got such a kick out of it. She had all the Russian women sitting around the television, and in those days, based on what they tell us, the television was in a box probably as big as the Clerk's desk and it had a screen about as big as a silver dollar. So they are all sitting there squinting, but it had good sound. And when Khrushchev took his shoe off and pounded the table and everybody around was astonished, eyes got big as saucers, mouths...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.