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my colleagues are going to back down because I say I'm going to exercise my prerogative and use my abilities under the rules to fight and kill a measure, let them back down. That's a part of being an effective legislator. You understand your opponent.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I have told you all from the very beginning, all you have to do is all get together and clump against me on every issue, and I cannot do anything. But you're pulled in too many different directions, and we know that. But now ask yourself how many of you have I helped when you couldn't help yourself, when you didn't understand your own bill? Why do you come to me--because you know that if you can make a point, I will help you when nobody else will, and I will not stab you in the back, either, although some of you deserve it, if I treat you like you treat others, but I watch you. I'm like Argos. When I'm dealing with you all, I have eyes all around my head, so I can see everywhere. None of you will sneak up and stick something in my back without me being aware of it, and if I let you stick something in my back, it's because I have a reason, and I'm going to win. When the game comes to the end, I will be the one who says, mate! That means it's over.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The king is dead.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may continue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I have to take a second here to enter a high-level conference. I will do what I want to do with my time, as I see fit, as others have done on this floor. Joking, talking to others. Don't tell me come on, and think I'm going to shut up, because I'm not going to do it. And I will respond when people make a comment to me. I'm not anybody's child on this floor. You think because you get a little upset and you can say to somebody else, come on, and they shut up, that that's going to work with me? Never! Understand who you're dealing with. And I will use my time as I see fit. If somebody else comes up to me, I will talk as some of the