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don't see any senators, and you say, that is a terrible way to run a ship, and they say, yes, and they said, well, where were those senators? I said, you will see your senator out of his chair running around like a bug on water talking to other senators. You will see senators eating popcorn, reading newspapers. Why are they doing that? I intend to tell you. Those senators who have heard the bill in the committee and advanced the bill the way they and the committee wanted it, once the committee amendments are adopted, the amendments that are proposed are ones to change the bill. So I told those classes, why would I be interested in standing there and listening to somebody who wants to change something that I am in agreement with. Then I said, now, so I sit on two committees. I understand the issue. Now let's say that something comes from the Education Committee. I am contacted by the education people. They explain to me the bill with the amendments is a good bill, we like it. So I say, who is leading your charge and they say, Senator Moore is leading our charge. If I am on the same side as Senator Moore, then I vote with Senator Moore because I am not going to get up and talk on those issues. Senator Moore can talk on those issues. Then I said, some of those senators are in their offices talking to constituents. Some of them are answering their letters, and we get lots and lots of mail. I have a rule no letter stays longer than three days. Some of those senators are meeting with groups of students like yourself. Some of those senators are returning phone calls where the constituent wants to talk to the senator. That is what I told those students. That is where the senators are. They are doing their work. You can't do some of it on the floor. I also explained to them, Senator Korshoj, why we sit like dummies in our chair for 25 percent of our time and listen to Final Reading, mumble, mumble, mumble. I explained that to them. They think that is dumb, and I said, well, you did it. You make us sit there and we have asked you to take it out of the Constitution and you won't do it. That is what I tell them. I just tell them the truth. Now I will...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HABERMAN: ...give you the rest of your time if you would like to answer in rebuttal.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Thank you, Senator Haberman.

PRESIDENT: Your time is up, then. Senator Chambers, Senator,