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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You are recognized to close on your amendment to the divided committee amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, what this amendment would do is amend the committee amendment. The committee amendment would amend the bill. Now to go back the other way. The bill says that this property which a landlord can filch can be of a value which the landlord believes to be \$250 or less. The bill, brought by "Senator" Radcliffe, would raise that amount to \$1,000. The committee amendment, which would amend "Senator" Radcliffe's bill, says that that amount should be \$500 rather than \$1,000, or a 100 percent increase over the existing law. What my amendment does is to say that we will reduce that \$250, which is in the current law, to \$100. The landlord would be allowed to filch \$100. So that's what my amendment does. How many hundreds are there in 250? Probably two and a half. So, if I'm going to reduce 250 by 100, what percentage of 250 is 100? Who knows? Who even cares? But those are interesting questions, and my aim is not to answer those questions but only to raise them and, through discussing this bill, to point out, not only in the realm of landlord-tenant law, but in other areas certain groups have been given through the law an unfair advantage, and that unfair advantage has crushed down many people, and I am not of a mind to let that unfair advantage become even greater in reach and weight on those against whom it is directed. Many people are of necessity renters, tenants. They have no idea of what rights they have. It might shock some of the people on this floor that there are people who rent property and they don't even know how to read. So, if they're given one of these detailed leases, because they are ashamed to acknowledge that they don't know how to read, they'll just nod, nod, have you looked at this? Um-huh, and really that's not a lie, they looked at it, but they didn't read it and understand it because they can't read. But they've learned how to sign their name, so an X is put by a line and that's where they sign their name. And in a dispute the landlord argues that the point that's being contested here is one covered clearly by the language in the lease, but there is nothing in the lease, there is nothing in the law that says a person who is unable to read, but of