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session, so we ought to enjoy it. We cannot live, as I tell the young people and old people who will listen, except during the specific instant in which we are existing. The second that just passed, we cannot reach back and bring it back. The second in front of us, we cannot live there until we reach it. So, life is hard by the yard, but a cinch by the inch. What's the best way to eat an elephant? One bite at a time. Everything is done in steps, in stages, by degrees, increments. And, if they're done in that way, anything can be stretched out and sustained forever, possibly. It's like having an infinite series of numbers. There is no such thing as an infinite series. It is potentially infinite. There is no number so large that you cannot add another to it. If any person looks days ahead or weeks ahead and there are things looming that seem threatening, and I'm doing the Paul Harvey now, or maybe Norman Vincent Peale. Some said they found Paul appealing and Peale appalling. But at any rate, you can be overcome with stress and depression because what's confronting you seems overwhelming and insurmountable. But you've had those things confronting you before and you passed through every one of them and got out the other side, and never when you went through it was it as bad as you thought it was going to be when you looked at it from a great way off. If you're on that highway, like I am, and you look way down a straight path, and there might be a straight stretch, a very slight, gentle incline, if you're far enough away from it, it looks like a very steep hill, but it's such a gentle rise that by the time you get to it you're not even aware that you're on that stretch that is gently rising. So things looked at from a great way off tend to become...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...far more ominous and threatening in their aspect. So what I'm saying to my brothers and sisters, if you consider what it is that I'm doing and look at it from a great way off, it looks like it's going to be a very bad thing. But if you just take it as it comes, like this morning, you see that you survived it. You're the none the worse for wear and tear. You got some things done. We're burning days and hours off the clock. We'll get to a cloture motion and we'll just see what we shall see.