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SENATOR BAKER: This bill really...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Baker, it's Senator Chambers' motion to indefinitely postpone.

SENATOR BAKER: Okay, I'd like to take it up.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, these are piddling little bills. Nobody should care about them, just as I shouldn't have cared about my bills that went ceremoniously slaughtered. So just be cool, keep your powder dry. Here's what I want to say about the process this morning, and I can explain (laugh)...I can explain it by giving a portion of a movie that I saw to make it clear. It was called "The Thing" and it was an update on that old movie where this creature came from out of space, but this one could take on the form of any creature that it had consumed. So these men were in the Arctic. I don't know if they were at the top of the world or the bottom of the world, but it was one of those locations very cold, and this creature needed great cold in order to survive. So it had been killing people in the camp and the remaining men decided that they cannot survive. The weather was so bad that nobody could fly in and rescue them, so the only thing they could do was sacrifice themselves to save the world from this marauding creature. So they began to set off explosions with dynamite. They ignited fuel and there was a huge conflagration. And there was a white guy who had survived so, after he had lit the last fire, he had sat down in the snow because he was all but exhausted. Then he heard these footsteps coming and he saw this black guy and this creature was able to assume the form of anything, so each is looking at the other to determine whether he might be this creature and, as a viewer, you didn't know for sure. So the white guy asked the black guy where he came from. He said, well, I went to check this out and then I come here where you are, and I see you set the camp afire and that fire is not going to last very long. And the white guy said, that's right. So the black guy said, if you're worried about me, don't worry about me. So the white guy had some liquor. The black guy sat down. The white guy took a drink, gave the black guy a drink, and they're still looking at each