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and his. We represent people too. We are people too. And if we're not going to be treated as people, too, then I'm going to do to these bills what they do to us; kill, kill, kill. How will I justify it? Your beliefs are deeply held and sincerely...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...held. They just happen to be different from mine so you kill everything of mine. Well, mine are equally held, deeply believed and held, so I kill everything of yours. That's our relationship. You kill all mine, I kill all yours. Eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth, tit for tat, measure for measure, even-steven, that's the way we operate. I haven't reached that point yet but I'm reaching it. They're so eager to get all these convictions that they are going to ignore every thing else, and we have staff members around here whispering things. Don't let that go, do this and do that. Accept it if you want to, but we're dealing with something very serious now, and my people have been dying. And it may not be serious to you all but it's dead serious to me. And do you think that your hostility...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...or your being upset with what I say is going to make me that much difference.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator, there are no lights on. If you wish to close, you may.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I lose a lot of bills. I lose a lot of votes in this Legislature, and I don't react the same way to every thing that I lose. I'd go crazy if I did. I'd have been dead if I did. I plan not to die anytime soon. I have more pearls to cast. People need to take seriously what some of us say, and sometimes we have to get your attention. And compared to what some people say, these little piddling things that you all get upset about on this floor don't amount to a hill of beans to me, but I try to put myself in the frame of mind where I can take seriously those things that you say are serious to you. And what is serious to