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aspect of the bill that you and others have a genuine concern about. Well, see, that's not how things work around here. If I put out the effort on my side, that's readily accepted, but there is no reciprocity. That's a demonstration of what I'm talking about, and I'm going to start playing rough now. I've been nice all these years I've been down here, and I let things happen to me and I go along and say, okay, maybe they'll learn. (Singing) When will they ever learn? I don't know, but I'm tired of trying to use gentle persuasion. I'm going to leave the school of Andrew Carnegie and not worry about winning friends and influencing people. I'm going to use the stereotypical jackass school philosophy, where you bust 'em up side the head with a two-by-four and say, if you don't like it, I'll hit you again. Pay attention. I say, pay attention, that's with attribution to Walt Disney or whoever created that big rooster, Leghorn. You can find something to use from everybody. But in all seriousness, something has to be done with this bill and something can be done with it. If it's too expensive to check everybody, then you're going to have to find a way to determine who you're going to check and who you're not. Senator Engel trusts the system.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: He's not listening to those of us who say we don't trust the system, and we have history on our side to show why we don't trust the system and why we cannot trust the system. What does it take for us to make that point clear enough to persuade our colleagues, as we refer to you on occasion, to listen and do something? How many times will Senator Aguilar or me bring something that relates strictly to our people? Everything we bring helps more of you all than it helps of ours, because there are more of you. But it's always a one-way street; we're the ones who are supposed to be the noble ones, we rise above every slight and every hurt. We turn the other cheek when we're smitten. If you make us walk one mile, we go two; if you take our cloak, we give you our coat. That doesn't work anymore.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Aguilar and Senator Chambers. Senator Engel, and this will be your third time.