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out of these brains in my head, not somebody sitting off on the side telling me this is what you ought to do, because I don't know my job. I demonstrated, my record speaks for itself, I don't hide behind anybody. And I don't lie to you all either. If I'm going to do something, whether you like it or not, you know pretty well what I'm going to do. And if I tell you this is what I'm going to do, any of you, the one who might dislike me the most would be shocked if I violated my word because you don't expect that of me. And you need not expect me to violate my word. But I'm just not going to waste my time with all these meetings and I'll just wait till this crummy legislation comes on the floor and embarrass people on the floor; show that they offer it and they don't know what they're talking about and their staff drafted bad legislation. I don't know how many times on bills I didn't even like I spent considerable time and effort helping rewrite the language just so that it said what the introducer claimed the bill was supposed to say; and if this is the way politics on the floor is to be engaged in, I don't care. As I've said all through the years, all I need to know is what the rules are that you're going to play by; and if you're going to play by no rules, that's all right with me. All I need is to know. I wrote a long poem about this country bumpkin who came to town and the card sharks were sitting around the table and he sat down and he was going to play cards with them and one guy was always winning and he was always losing. And somebody finally told him, when you're in...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...a card game and there's one person who's always winning, he's not gambling, he's cheating. You're not playing in a game where skill has anything to do with it. You are the sucker. So whenever you enter a card game again and you look around and you don't see the sucker, the sucker is you. So if David Landis has three aces, Ray Aguilar has two more, "Luke" has seven, then it ought to begin to dawn on me that if there are only supposed to be four of each kind of card in the deck something is not right here, so I should tell them this is not the kind of game I want to be a part of. But if, when we sit down, we say hide aces or any other card anywhere you want to, get away with what you can, then I know, and I think I'm being told this afternoon, and Senator Wehrbein put it very