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substantive in nature. I've explained amendments that were not even mine. I've had people come and tell me that the way I said it was clearer, so I've played a very deep role in this and I have worked very hard. After we got rid of fetal tissue yesterday, some people were just played out and they couldn't get back into a zone to deal as forthrightly as we needed to deal with LB 1234. But as long as I'm on this floor and we're in session, I'm always prepared to go. I do not have ethanol in my tank. I don't suffer vapor lock, I don't fade out, I don't cough out, or any of that. And if they think that because somebody out in the lobby who is known as big oil, whoever that is, sounds awful greasy and slippery to me anyway, that I'm going to be bound by something like that. Uh-uh. But I'll tell you what. Let those who think they can work a deal work the deal, then let them present it. And it will have to be presented in the form of an amendment of some kind. And if the amendment is good in my opinion, I will vote for it. If it's not good in my opinion, I will vote against it. I have to tell Senator Schrock something because he has not brought bills that got us into this kind of a bind at the end of the session. When the days have dwindled down to a precious few, that is my territory. And in case some of you all are looking at the fact that I might have a bill pending somewhere or one after this one, you can get that out of your mind if you think that has anything to do with what I'm going to do. I don't care that much about any bill that I've got. My job is to deal with what is before us right now. I don't want to get you all's hopes up but there's a chance I could croak before my bill comes up. And if death surprises me, I want it to surprise me doing what I am here to do, and that's not trying to do what I've criticized others for doing, protecting some bill that I got laying back here in the bushes somewhere, or one farther down the line that I don't want the Governor to veto. That is not how I operate. I will give you the numbers of my bills if I could...I don't know what the numbers are but I can find them for you. And if you want to target them, target them. I don't care how you target them. Offer a thousand amendments, offer a motion to bracket, offer a motion to kill, I just do not care. Those bills are not me. Even though I work hard in this Legislature, brothers and sisters,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.