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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I'm going to ask for a machine vote, and I want Senator Landis to mark well those who vote yes. And, if you get more than 30, they should be there on the override. And if any of them don't support the override, if you don't castigate them, I may, but then I may not. I get tired of watching these people on this floor play that sanctimonious, self-righteous game of supporting a bill like this and getting people's hopes up and, then soon as the Governor says veto, then they scatter like frightened quail. This body is not known for courage. I was just chastised by Senator Landis, this morning, followed by castigation from the "Wizard of Wickersham". But in their own way on various aspects of this bill each was as right as rain. And I'm going to say what needs to be said but which nobody else will say, the cowardice in this body, the moral cowardice, is becoming legendary. I wish it were mythical. Mythical means fictitious, not real. And I'm going to watch these votes. And if people don't intend to support the bill when the override comes, it ought to be registered here and maybe there can be some additional negotiation on a form of the bill that might get 30. I've already said why I'm not going to vote for the bill. But that doesn't stop me from saying that, if you see something of value in this bill now, nothing is going to change about the bill between now and when the Governor will veto it; nothing will change about the bill. So, if you give a green vote today and a cowardly red vote on the veto override, the change was in you, and maybe it was not a change at all. The real you will be brought to light at that time. The act will be engaged in if you vote green today. But, if you vote green today, you ought to be green on the veto override. But you'll find an excuse. Well, ah, if...if I'd a voted to override, then another bill that I wanted would have been som...and on and on, like that. It's sickening and it's sickening to some of you-all, too, and you know it. And inside some of your little hearts you're just applauding 100 miles an hour for me saying what you know needs to be said, which you wish you would stand up and say, but you dare not. And that's why, despite the fact that I'm a black man, not respected in this society, I am really the freest human being in the universe because I am my own man, and I am hurling a challenge. And I'm just going to watch and be instructed here today.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Landis,