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you first heard them, like now, suddenly don't seem that way anymore. Right now, you're functioning in a vacuum. You're just looking at what I'm offering, the fact that I'm making the offering, the fact that I'm trying to take existing language out of the statute. And that is a mighty mouthful to chew up and swallow. But things in a legislative setting proceed in stages, in phases, lurches forward, stumbles backward, spinning wheels in one place. That's the way it operates. At my age, I have to take a long view, Senator Louden. I look beyond the moment. I also understand my colleagues, Senator Friend. I know how my colleagues operate individually, and I know how this body functions collectively. If I didn't know that, I wouldn't say it with such confidence now while people are in the process of voting against everything I bring up. But you're going to see my footprints on some things, and my fingerprints on other things that will be more acceptable and palatable when they're presented by others. But that's my job. My job is to take that big, ugly piece of marble, chop it into a block, and then maybe round some of the edges and the corners. Then suddenly, somebody says, there is potential here; something can be done. And that which they saw as junk, until I put it into a presentable form where they could understand what they had, will suddenly become raw material from which we will construct a statue that might make people proud, and might not. Because by the time we get through with this process, Senator Synowiecki, we may have an arm coming out of the back of a head. We may have a nose growing where the shoulder should be. But when we get it all through, then we're going to be able to lumber and stumble our way to next session. That's the way...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...it always is. Always. And it will never ever change. And that's why I can be above the fray. There are some senators, if they had offered things like I do, that have as much merit as what I offer has, their little hearts would be broken, their little spirits would be crushed, and they'd go home and weep and moan and say, I ain't going to try nothing no more. Well, that's understandable, because they don't have the experiential background that would make it possible for them to cope with that. As long as I've been here, I certainly ought to