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these things are being handled and dealt with. And you all are just laying back in the bushes, saying the real struggle will come when we get to the appropriations bill. You need to pay attention to these skirmishes. You need to pay attention to the lay of the battlefield and how the battle is shaping up and who the opposing sides are going to be and what they're going to bring to the fray. If you think this is just a fringe item, and I'll give as much energy to the fringe item, imagine what I will do when the main event comes. And you all will be interested in paying attention then. And you know what's going to happen? I'm going to have people coming to me saying, how can we work this out? What can we do on this? Well, you don't want to work anything out with me on this now, so why should I want to work something out with you then? Because I'm old, I'm wise, and I understand how human beings work. And it takes awhile to soften them up and bring them to a point where...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...they're willing to be reasonable. And there always has to be one party to the negotiation who's willing to see the whole picture and let each person bring what he or she has to bring, and forget about all of the bitterness and the rest of the mess that was a part of the system, and without which the system could not function. People have to be softened up and made to understand that concessions must be made. And they must have their attention focused on what it is that we're doing. And that's what I intend to continue trying to do. Mr. President, I will ask for a call of the house, and this time I'll take a machine vote.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There's been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye, and opposed nay. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Unexcused senators report to the Chamber. The house is under call. The house is under call.