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argument used for this thing. And I think it will lead to more mischief than it will be good. With the more weapons we have in the hands of people, the more accidents they are. So I rise to support Senator Chambers' amendment and would give the rest of my time to Senator Chambers, if he would so desire. Senator Chambers. Mr. President, I would give my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Senator Chambers, about two and a half minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, to show how heartless, pathetic, and contemptible is the gun lobby and the nuts that make it up, I saw one of the worse displays of disregard for human dignity that I had seen in a long time. It did not come from Iraq. It did not come from Afghanistan. It did not come from within a prison where guards were assaulting inmates. It was an old man who has been stricken with Alzheimer's and is dying, carted out onto a stage like red meat before hungry jackals, and he shook and raised this old rifle, and the only thing he could remember to say was that it would have to be pried from his cold, dead hands, and those hands will be cold and dead in time. I wonder if his last wish will be granted. On the chance that it might, we, in the culture corner, have been talking about an appropriate design for a coffin. It would be in the shape of a large cross to accommodate that rifle in that cold, dead, stiff hand. Not...and they gave him a standing ovation. There is no way that if somebody was in support of a project of mine and that person were that ill, that lacking in intellectual responsibility and understanding, that I would cart that person out like a marionette or a remote...

SENATOR CUDABACK:      One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      ...controlled robot to go through some words that he did not even understand, not to elevate this person, but to exploit, use, and try to gain political hay from such a spectacle. But that shows, if nothing else would, the true depth of degradation to which the National Rifle Association and at least some of its devotees have sunk to. But more of these