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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Whoever the Chairperson of that committee is.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Baker, we're messing with you. Senator Baker, were you aware that it would take 30 votes to offer these amendments...offer these bills as amendments to this bill?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, I am.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why, I'm curious to know, would you choose to do that rather than let them stay alive?

SENATOR BAKER: I tell you, as a new committee Chairman, and a group over there, the kill committee on Transportation and Telecommunications, I'm going to have better control over that particular branch of the committee over there. We do know we have to have 30 votes, and it was strategic error, yes. We won't...you won't catch us doing that again, I would wager to bet.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now suppose somebody had not been on the floor who would have detected that at this point. These bills, if they were adopted as amendments by less than...by fewer than 30 votes, would not have been legally adopted, would they?

SENATOR BAKER: No, they would not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Could this be one of those situations where if everybody were new here that mistake could have been made unintentionally? Because nobody would have been aware. Thank you, Senator Baker. I'm using every example that I can to show the necessity and value of having people here who are aware of how things are done so that through inadvertence a problem will not develop which nobody would want to see develop. We don't have many people in the Chamber right now. Suppose that point had not been raised and a vote had been taken and 25 votes were