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me the only cuts that are any good to people are if they thought of them and it doesn't affect them, so I am casting these votes. It's not...they're not easy votes for me, but that's where I am and I, like Senator Mines, am not going to apologize for what I've done. I think I've done the right thing. I never would have thought I would have been here today but...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: ...I think it's the right thing. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Senator Maxwell, followed by Senator Schimek.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Thank you, Mr. President. It's clear what the majority will of the body is today. I'm in the minority but we operate by majority rule. That's fine. I can handle that. I just have one observation. It's prompted by the story that Senator Bromm told at the beginning of this debate. He had the analogy, if you recall, about a house and if you can get enough people to pitch in and everybody grabs a handle you can accomplish a Herculean effort and move that house, and he likened it to what we've done this year with our fiscal house. But if you remember the story, the people moved the house a few feet, which is no small accomplishment, but that's the reason why I don't support what we're doing today. All we're doing is moving our fiscal house a few feet. We're still in the flood plain. We are still going to be swamped by the fiscal floodtide coming at us in the near future. I'd rather stick around for a few more days, if we have to, or weeks, if necessary, and get the job done now instead of putting it off again. But that's not going to happen. As I say, I see what majority will is. I do hope, though, that a year from now I hope we've moved our fiscal house to secure ground or built a new fiscal house in a new place. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Maxwell. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. There was a newscast yesterday on which I was interviewed and