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the bill that he accepted, and we have to presume they improved the bill. All of that is in rural areas, not mine. How much time could I have saved if I would have just let that bill alone, and any number of other bills that relate to the constituency that Senator Baker represents? I don't need that aggravation; none of us does. Nobody forced me to do anything that I do. With all due respect to Senator Tyson, at no point has a gun been put to my head and I was told, Ernie, if you don't do this you're a dead man, or, if you do this you're a dead man. So I want to make it clear everything that I have done was done knowingly, intentionally, willingly, voluntarily, without coercion, other than the type of internal coercion I feel when I think there is a wrong being committed and I'm in a position to help rectify the wrong, and I don't do what I feel is available for me to do. That's what has guided my hand, my words and my action when it comes to the rural sector. But all things must come to an end, and many things can be brought to an end.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I can be freed this morning of all this aggravation. But if I'd followed my mind when LB 92 was before us, I would have discounted everything the rural people said, and even Senator Schimek trying to help, and I would have stopped that bill from being enacted. If this bill does not pass, the Rural Development Commission is out of business July 1. They will get no money, and the Governor has sabotaged any hope they have of getting grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. That's what really this vote is on. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the closing on the motion on the germaneness rule suspension. The house is under call. All members present or accounted for, the question before the body is, shall that motion be passed? All in favor of the motion vote aye, those opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to suspend the germaneness rule.