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this morning that even with the surprise amendment it's no better for some of the areas they represent. Now, all a lobbyist wants to do is make some money. Senators do have a responsibility. I place the responsibility squarely on Senator Synowiecki. The lobbyist did not offer the amendment; Senator Synowiecki did. Let me tell you why I'm upset. I've talked to Senator Synowiecki about this bill, not just this session, but other times. So with all of this conversing that was going on with the chiefs of police, they cannot get this done until the very morning that the bill comes up? My amendments were filed, and they were filed before this session. So under one of the rules, a person whose bill it is can bring an amendment and jump it ahead of everybody else's amendment. So the lobbyist was clever. We'll just let Ernie's amendments hang out there, and people will think we're going to be discussing the green bill and his amendments; then, after the session starts, and when the bill comes up for consideration, you drop this amendment in, it will go ahead of his, and none of his will apply because they're not drafted to this surprise amendment. That's the way you all want to legislate? All I need to know is how you're going to do it, and I will play that game with you, and I will beat you at that game too. But there are substantive issues in addition to the procedural ones that relate to this bill and make it an atrocity. Why do you all think an atrocity such as this got out of the Judiciary Committee without a single committee amendment? You see that Senator Brashear and I voted against it. Because the bill was not supposed to go anywhere. As bad as the Judiciary Committee has been in the past, bills as crudely and incompetently drafted as this original copy of LB 304 do not emerge from the Judiciary Committee. So the committee was snookered, and I'm glad, because the next time Senator Brashear, as Chairperson, is going to allow somebody to be given a favor, I'm going to fight it in committee and say, you were bitten once, and you can be bitten again, but don't expect me not to make a whole lot of noise about it. And as for these tricky lobbyists, I know how to deal with them, and they know I know how to deal with them. Now, you all may not know, but judges are held to a higher standard than anybody else in this society when it comes to the carrying out of their duties and responsibilities. Now, since they sentence people, and sometimes incorrectly, because they get overturned on appeal,