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least process this amendment that I have pending at this point.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I understand that and I agree with that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Chambers, there are no further lights on. You are recognized to close on FA1467 to LB 963.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, the one thing I have to say, I'm going to be here for 30 more days or however many remain, and I'm going to work on this legislation, not just this bill, for those 30 days. It doesn't matter to me whether I do it on General File, Select File, or Final Reading, I'm going to be here and I'm going to put in the time. So if we took 20 hours on this bill on General File, it's all right with me. If we take 20 hours on it on Select File, that is all right with me. If we take 20 hours on Final Reading, that is all right with me. But because of the complexity of this bill and the fact that information needed to answer questions is not readily available on the floor, I am willing to let us process what amendments we can, and then I will later on go into the green copy. And I want Senator Vrtiska to know, and I want our National Guard friends to know that if surgical strikes can be made, fine. If carpet bombing is necessary, that's what I will do. I am not going to agree to just take what the National Guard asks of us and give it to them. I am not patriotic. I don't love the flag. I think all this talk of united we stand is hogwash. My children did not salute the flag when they were in grade school. I'm a black man whose traditions in this country are rooted in chattel slavery. So I look at all these things differently from the way my white colleagues with white eyes look at these things. So I don't want anybody to misunderstand for my trying to cooperate and think that I've become a red, white, and blue patriot. I am not that. The term "patriot," the term "patriotic" makes me gag because I look at the people who wear it. And as somebody said, the last refuge of a scoundrel is patriotism. So this is a touchy subject with me, and in concluding my remarks on my amendment, I want to read you something from yesterday's paper, just a paragraph: Roadside bombs in Baghdad and northern Iraq since Monday have