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colleagues can sit back and mutter but then say under their breath, boy, I'm sure glad Ernie is catching that bad stuff because I don't feel like doing it, but since I know he will, I'll just let him do it. Well, they're not letting me do anything. I'm doing what my responsibility demands that I do. And as long as I am on the floor of this Legislature, I will discuss whatever comes before us. I have offered bills before and a great amount of work was done in terms of slicing here, slicing there. The most recent one I can think of where a great amount of cutting up was done was a bill that I offered to do something about the medical services provided to men and women locked up in the prisons, and I was not personally wrapped up in that bill so that every time somebody cut something off the bill I would say "ouch" as though they cut something off me. If I bring legislation, I bring it because I believe in it. I have offered legislation that was drafted by others, but that would not be the final form of the legislation and I would let them know. You got it six-parted, but we're going to have to take this apart before I will let it move any place with my name attached to it. What I give I can take. I wish I could provoke my colleagues to such an extent that they would analyze my legislation like I do theirs. What value is it for me to get a piece of trash legislation into the statute books and it carries my name forever? And I look back on it and I'm embarrassed because it's so poorly done. You all are supposed to help me with mine as I try to help you with yours. But mine is not personal and based on friendships. Mine is based on what I should do as a member of this Legislature. What do you think children are taught in their civics classes? That people who get elected to public office are sincere, that they are serious, and they are trying to do a job in the service of the public. But we don't want to do the hard work that's necessary to get the job done right. But I will do it. As distressed as Senator Schimek might be this morning, this language is broader than the green copy; any other portions of federal law referred to in the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That means what it says. If that Relief Act, I don't know how many sections it has, refers to any portion of