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SENATOR CUDABACK: It was your third time on Senator Schimek's amendment, not this one.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. And she pulled hers, so now I'm on the Louden amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You are-correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't believe Senator Cunningham hears a word that I say, not one word. He stands up and he repeats and he repeats and repeats. Now, I dubbed him "Saint Doug" in one of our committees, and I leave that designation on him. The ability to hear, understand, and concentrate are not essentials of sainthood. But here's what I've got to say. Senator Cunningham will stand up there and say, I'm not trying to hurt the people who have to leave their job through no fault of their own, I'm not talking about those, I'm talking about those who do bad things. But he puts the same punishment on both of them. He does not listen, not only to what I say, he does not listen to the words that come out of his own head. And that's because he's toting water for somebody out there in the lobby. And poor, young Senator Smith has one constituent with a little business, and because she experienced something that was not to her liking, he wants to change the whole law that applies to everybody. That is preposterous. This bill is not written for that one job or one business in Senator Smith's district. He ought to do something about upgrading the integrity of the people who sent him down here to represent them. And now that Senator Cunningham is here, I'm going to ask him a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Cunningham, would you yield?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Cunningham, didn't you say repeatedly that you are not aiming at people who left the job without having done anything wrong? You said you're targeting those who have done bad things, or whatever your terminology was, that