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different. But Senator Combs, would you vote for cloture on this bill?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Combs.

SENATOR COMBS: Yes, I would, unless someone gave me a good reason not to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Combs. You're very forthright. I'm going to try to give you a reason. Members of the Legislature, I think there's going to come a tendency to legislate by cloture. But understand this. If a bill happens to slip out of my clutches on General File, we're going to do it all over on Select File on that bill. And I have a grand strategy for this session. Every bill can be implicated. And you need to consider what is going to happen with every bill. Does every bill enjoy such unanimity as some people want to say exists with Senator Cunningham's bill, because he's carrying water for the business interests? Is there going to be so much unanimity that you can get 33 votes on every bill for cloture? And at what point will you get it? If you don't vote cloture immediately upon the beginning of the debate, it's not going to be of any value. If I can get four hours of flesh off a bill, and you vote cloture then, you haven't done anything. How many bills can you deal with? We're more than half-way through this session. We haven't gotten the forecast, that's going to be very gloomy probably, about the state's fiscal condition, based on what is not coming in by way of revenue. We have not started discussing the budget. And I'll bet you you cannot get a cloture vote on the budget bill. So where do you want to fight me, because you are going to have to fight me? And I said that from the beginning. I haven't hidden it. And I want you to know that my energy level has not diminished. So before Senator Cunningham lets these people out in the lobby talk to him, and others on this floor decide to go along with it because you'll get rid of me on this bill, remember, there are other bills after this one, and those bills will get the same treatment. Are there 33 votes on LR 209CA, or whatever that number is, where you're going to give some of the lottery money to the State Fair? Are there 33 who will vote to shut me up on that one, because I'm going to fight it? Senator Friend and I have