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talked. I wanted to get the number of his bill. And he knows that I've told him I have no opposition to his bill on the merits. I think his is trying to do a very good thing. But I want Senator Friend to look at the agenda and see that now there's a buffer. Before I get to his bill there are a couple of others that have slipped out there. Now, LB 998 is a bill that I'm sure I did not oppose in the Judiciary Committee.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But by me spending time discussing is not the same as opposing it. It means that it will have to serve my purpose just as all these other bills are. When we get to Final Reading, bills that I am not opposed to, I'm going to take some time there, too. So I think what you all probably should do is put a cloture motion on every one of your bills. And if you're worried about public relations, you ask who's going to look worse, you all who are so terrified of one man that you want no debate whatsoever, or the man who inspires such fear and terror and trembling in his colleagues? This is a bad bill. If you all don't want this long discussion, don't bring these kind of bills. But if you have the right--and you do--to bring these ill-conceived, unfair, Draconian bills, understand that there are others of us who are going to exercise our right to oppose it. And when my colleagues grow weary, I will only be strengthened.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bourne. And this will be your third time, Senator.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Again, I rise in opposition to Senator Loudon's amendment, and I rise in opposition to the underlying bill in its current form. And if Senator Cunningham wants to amend the bill to narrowly target the harm that he perceives, then I would absolutely support that, and I would vote cloture on a compromise that targets, again, those people that are abusing the system. I will not,