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he's most agreeable to a compromise. But then he goes out and talks to the business folks in the lobby, people I've supported my whole career down here, who have never even discussed this bill with me, and he comes back, and as I understand it, here in this third hand there is no compromise. No, we're not going to do this. I think that's inappropriate. So I'm not quite as hard-nosed as Senator Chambers, but I can talk almost as well as he can about things, and I'll do so as well. There was a famous individual--I'm not comparing myself at all with him--but he said, here I stand, I cannot do otherwise. This is the line in the sand, in my mind. If the business people don't like me anymore after this, okay, I can handle that. This bill is wrong. And I don't think that's Senator Cunningham's intention whatsoever. He saw something that he felt needed to be fixed, and he's trying to do it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: I admire him for doing that. I simply disagree with his method. He's not cold, he's not heartless. He's trying to be practical, he's trying to right a wrong, as he perceives it, and I admire him for doing it. I just don't agree with him. I think he is more than willing to compromise. But I think the people in the lobby who want every pound of flesh they can get out of the state are preventing him from doing that. And I think that's wrong. I'm going to continue to listen to the debate. I'm going to continue to discuss the bill. Maybe Senator Cunningham will come up with a compromise. But I think it's inappropriate the lobby is holding on to this so tightly, when you can make an argument that there's a number of entitlements the business community already receives.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Call the question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on the motion to reconsider? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on ceasing debate. The