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going to use my colleagues to advance my interests and work against the Governor's. Now what will happen if we don't get a budget done this session? Special session. When will it be called? Some people are in serious campaigns. It will be called during the campaign season? No, because senators will plead with the Governor not to do that. Will it be called after the campaign season? That would be after the election in November. How much time will exist between November, the period when people need that to recover, and the beginning of the following full session of the Legislature? Not long. That is not a good prospect. My job is so hard on the floor of this Legislature, nothing is daunting...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to me. And I will put my colleagues through whatever I have to put my colleagues through, just like the Governor is going to bludgeon my colleagues in any way he feels he has to bludgeon them. My colleagues happen to be caught in a crossfire. Who is going to blink? Me or the Governor or my colleagues? How much are you willing to require in exchange for the session? Are you willing to trade the session for a couple of bills? I'm willing to take the session, if you're going to give it to me, in order for me to stop these bills. So I'm going to take time from various bills, even those that I agree with, and something that I will talk about during my closing that relates to my own interests this session of the Legislature. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I would yield time to Senator Chambers, if he would like it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you have almost five minutes if you care to use them.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Preister. And I thank my colleagues. Members of the