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read everything. When it got to the begats, I didn't skim over those. I read every one of them. In reading the bill that comes up next, I took a similar approach. And let me tell you how careless I was. I read through the green copy of the bill. It's...the pages are white, but it has a green cover. I read through that and marked it up. Then I had another thick bill in my folder, and when I picked, as they say, that bad boy up, it had the same number as that bill, LB 962. And you know what the first sentence on this thick package is? Right, Senator smart aleck Erdman, "Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections." So I had a chance (laugh) to go through it twice, so that makes me twice as dangerous. You all may remember and you may not that I said when I get out of this Legislature I ought to be hired to start reading the statutes at page 1, and when I find misspelled words and other things, inconsistencies, my job would be to call those things to the attention of the proper person, and that person would make a decision as to whether or not a piece of legislation was warranted to make the correction. How much would I charge you? How would I charge you? When people like...I'm going to see if anybody is paying attention. Who wrote Oliver Swift? Right, there is no Oliver Swift. Who wrote...right, somebody... Oliver Twist. After I said there was no Oliver Swift then they say, oh, Oliver Twist. I'll bet whoever said that doesn't know who wrote it. Silence. Nobody knows. I'm not going to give his name--Dickens. Those people were paid by the word. That's why their stories and books were so lengthy, and why you will see them repeat in the same sentence the concept by using different words. That's why they say beat, struck, hit, maul, batter about the head and shoulders, upper body, upper torso, because every word got them money. The Dumases were paid by the word. One wrote The Count of Monte Cristo, The Three Musketeers, The Lady of the Camellias. They were all black. There are a lot of things out there in the world of literature and culture that are of interest, but if we restrict our view to what happens within the United States, we are cheated greatly. But what I was going to say, those people were paid by the word and made a handsome living. Maybe...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.