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Chambers, there are no further lights on. Did you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I said I'd speak one more time, and this is it. I don't believe that I have any other amendments pending. I'm going to check the gadget to be sure. No, I will not have anything else pending, and we will then move to adoption of the committee amendments, if that's what you all think that you want to do, and I think you should. I have kind of enjoyed myself this morning, and I think what I have done has been good for the body. Coming off a four-day vacation, we should not jump with both feet right into a bill that's going to require a lot of concentration and a lot of work, at least on the part of me. Now, because we're dealing with water and related subjects, there may be others who are going to discuss that bill. But I guarantee you that it's not going to move across this floor as quickly as this bill is. You might think this has moved slowly. In fact, the bill hasn't moved at all. But with all of the concepts and the notions in that bill, some of which I don't even understand, I'm going to have a lot of questions. I've drafted some amendments and we'll just see where we go with that bill. There's another bill that comes up after that one in which I have an interest, and the one after that one, and the one after that one, and on down the line. To be completely frank, and I don't think it will come as a surprise to anybody, there are some bills I don't want us to get to at all. But on the outside chance that maybe I'll be struck with some illness, or my car will break down and I can't get here, I've got to put enough of a cushion on Select File to keep those bad bills, if they get over there, from just passing right on to the next stage. They will take their place behind what is on Select File. If they're priority bills, they'll take their place behind other priority bills that are already there. On Final Reading, there will be motions I will make on bills. I doubt that any of the motions I make will succeed in either striking the enacting clause or moving a bill back for an amendment, but you can't tell. So we'll just take it a day at the time. And, Mr. President, again, in the interest of being collegial, I will withdraw that amendment that I have pending.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. We're back to discussion of