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ultimate concern will wind up being with reference to the bill, or my ultimate position. But I told them their bill may not even be heard on the floor this session, so don't hold their breath. And there are other bills that I know are not going to be heard on the floor this session. I know that my priority bill is not going to be heard on the floor this session. And I shall not quit. I shall not yield. And whether the Governor's fortunes or any other politician's fortunes are implicated, it means nothing to me. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You may continue. Your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I have to let my colleagues know that I'm not going to burn out and I'm not going to wear out. It just happens the last few days there are issues that genuinely need to be discussed. This process that Senator Preister rightfully focused our attention on is a hybrid. It joins the executive branch and the legislative branch for the purpose of arriving at a decision. The Governor suggests something to the Legislature. If a majority of us agree with the Governor and vote yea, that person is affirmatively confirmed. But if we do not vote nay, that confirmation kicks in and the person stays there until such time as we would vote nay. I'm going to vote no on Mr. Baker. I don't know Mr. Baker, whose name is on my gadget, from Senator Baker, who sits in the rear of the Chamber. I heard Senator Schrock mention the gentleman's credentials. In the same way that in the past I voted no whenever I was present on any nomination by the Governor which did not include a woman or a minority, I probably will vote no on the rest of the nominations this session, by way of protest to what has been done to the Legislature. Mr. Baker undoubtedly will get enough votes to be confirmed. I don't know about Ms. McDowell. But I intend to fight against and resist approving of her nomination. Now, the Legislature may decide to do so over my objection. But they're going to give me time, time, time, and that's all right with me. I will take my time wherever I can get it. I understand that Senator Schrock may have a second motion. I'd like to ask him a question, if he will yield.