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SENATOR CUDABACK: You're recognized to close on FA1517.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I stated earlier that Senator Schrock said he agrees with this amendment. And I have a few more of the same kind, or variety, that I will offer, and they will give me an opportunity to further discuss some parts of the bill that I think I need to go into. So on this time around I'm not taking every opportunity to speak that I'm entitled to. This amendment, as I stated, is straightforward. It in no way changes the thrust of the bill. So I want to assure you on that point. Senator Beutler mentioned that while we are fresh this morning and people are listening. What I felt like saying when Senator Beutler said that, the eternal optimist. I wrote a rhyme some time ago, and Senator Raikes commented on it. There was a man whose business was on the 80th floor of a building. His friend had an office on the 40th floor. So he heard this screaming, and he looked out the window and, Senator Aguilar, his friend had fallen out of his window, or jumped, from the eightieth floor. And as he went by, his friend said, how are things? And this guy said, all right so far. Well, so far things seem to have been going in a way that is hopeful for those who support this bill. But there has been no real addressing of the problem areas. I understand, and it was made crystal-clear, that there are four or five bills that are now part of the committee amendments. When we get to those bills, which will be discrete divisions of these committee amendments, those portions I think will be the easiest to discuss and understand, because they were separate bills. After we understand them, the job becomes to attach them to the bill in a way that will be healthful to the bill and achieve a purpose that we agree with. I might be a person who understands the anatomy of a heart thoroughly, more than anybody else. But I may not be a surgeon who can take a beating heart and attach it to the person's body who is in need of a heart transplant. So sometimes all of the knowledge is not found in one person. I understand that Senator Erdman has a bill in here. He will be able to explain that part. Then the rest of us will serve the role of the surgeons who are either going to attach that heart to this carcass, or carcass-to-be, or reject it. But I hope that you are able to persevere and continue to move step by step in the way that we're doing. Thank you, Mr. President.