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might not hear much from me on some of these bills. But while I was trying to mind my own business and figure a way that I could become more congenial, cooperative, and facilitating in getting us from point A to point B with reference to our workload, I open the newspaper, and what to my wondering eyes should appear but a slap in my face from the Governor. Now although I don't go looking for fights, although, Senator Bourne, I don't like to fight, it is difficult for me, because not only do I have children, I have grandchildren. How would my grandchildren feel if they had to go to school and somebody said, the Governor slapped your granddaddy and he didn't even do anything, he didn't even say anything? I can't put something like that on my grandchildren. It would destroy everything I've spent all these decades trying to build up. So if you all could find some way to get your Governor to put skid chains on his tongue when it comes to me, things might flow along more smoothly here. But when he still is going to stick his big feet into the Legislature and say, you are going to debate this particular issue, and the issue does not relate to mental health, it does not relate to school consolidation, it does not relate to water, but it relates to killing? Why, this man's nickname ought to be "Jack the Ripper." And when it comes to all the other issues that we ought to be dealing with, they ought to call him "Jack the Skipper," because he's skipping over every one of them to get to a bill that would deal with killing. I don't tremble for the Legislature when I think about this Governor. If I were more sympathetic, soft-hearted, and a teary kind of person, you know, who sheds tears, I would say that I mourn or weep for the Governor and the state. But it's not in me to weep. But it's in me to fight when somebody strikes me first. But while I'm offering these amendments, I don't want to impede the discussion on the other parts of the bill. So what I'm saying now will probably be more commentary than I will make on any of my other amendments. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on FA1525, which is an amendment to the divided committee amendments to LB 962. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of FA1525, offered by Senator Chambers, Senator Beutler.