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SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. I would yield my time to Senator Chambers if he wants it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you have almost five minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Preister. Thank you, Mr. President. What the British would do after they had stretched somebody's neck, and by the way, they didn't always do the job cleanly just like they don't do it cleanly now. They reached a point where they would have the person come up on the platform, drop through the trap door, but they would build a little shed around it because the hangmen were so inept that they didn't place the knot correctly. If the knot was placed correctly, the person was not supposed to strangle. The neck was supposed to be broken. But what happened more often than not was the dislocation of some of the bones in the neck. And when you see a picture of a person who is hanging and the neck...the knot is on the back of the neck, that person is going to strangle to death. So what they would do is have two stalwart individuals of the realm down in that little shed. And when the condemned dropped through the trap, each one grabbed a leg and lifted his feet off the ground so they could strangle the person. And that's where shake a leg came from, because so many hanging jobs were botched. There were people, when somebody who meant something to them was hanged, would come around and cut the body down. And they would take it and they would put them in warm water, they would massage them, and people were brought back. They were resuscitated. That's how poor the job of hanging was. Rather than elevating and ennobling society, hangings were like holidays in England as they would be if my colleagues had their way. People would come from miles around, hundreds of them, and they would be drunk, they would be engaging in all kind of sexual activities. They would bring human feces and throw it on people in the crowd, and there were killings in these mob scenes. Anytime a pickpocket was hanged, and you've all heard this, that's when pickpockets came to the hanging to ply their trade. Instead of pickpocketing being deterred, the hanging of a pickpocket created an occasion for other pickpockets to come and ply their