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we have something more important that we're going to work on to get done. So I am not so inflexible that I cannot change my mind. But I also want to lay out what is available for me to deal with. Now some wonder why I wanted to move all the bills. You wouldn't be having to deal with this right now, because here's what would happen if we'd have done that already. The money for the State Fair would have been in the committee amendment, and it would have moved on over to Select File with everything else. But I'm being forced to take a vote. So we're at the showdown at the OK Corral. This is high noon, and I've got to put up or shut up. Now you all are standing out there with your firearms trained on me. And there are more of you, so you can do with me as you will. You can vote down my amendment to teach me a lesson. But since this whole thing is cartoonish, after you have all emptied your weapons in me, I don't die, because in cartoons nobody dies. You will have gotten some momentary satisfaction by saying, we shot the stuffing out of him, we ventilated him. But after the smoke clears, the dust settles, I'm not dead. I am still here.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then I show that I have more at my disposal than you had at yours. The simple expedient of dividing the question. It's as simple as that. Even if you vote to adopt my amendment, that's not binding you to vote on that suspension motion. That is a separate issue. And I'm sure people will have differing views. There will be people who are nervous and uncomfortable with the whole idea. If there is anybody other than myself who supports it and will speak, the job will be to persuade you that under all of the circumstances that is the course we ought to take. But this that I'm talking about deals only with the State Fair money, for the ribbons and the gewgaws. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd yield my time to Senator Bourne.