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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Friend,...

SENATOR FRIEND: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...when LB 962, the water bill, comes up, will you vote cloture on that?

SENATOR FRIEND: I don't know the...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me ask it a different way.

SENATOR FRIEND: I don't know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Will you vote cloture on every bill that comes before us from here to the rest of the session?

SENATOR FRIEND: I suppose it depends on the mood I'm in.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I didn't understand you. You will?

SENATOR FRIEND: I suppose it depends on the mood I'm in.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, that's not what you said a minute ago. You were very...thank you, Senator Friend. Wasn't he very direct and forthright? I'm ready to go right now. Let's do it. And then when I ask about the consequences of what he wants you all to do, he vacillates right away, and it hasn't been enough time for him to forget what he said. You look at who's leading you, and you consider. I will do what I say, or I'll at least try. He's shown his feet of clay already. If he tells you to vote cloture here, because no bill needs to pass, he should be willing, though, to vote cloture on every bill, because he's asking you all to do it with him. Then he should at least be willing to support you on every bill. And if somebody else stands up here and say, yeah, yeah, vote cloture, ask that one, what bill do you have? Are you willing to put something in the pot? Are you anteing up something? Or do you have an axe to grind. Makes me no difference. But when we're at this juncture, and I think important decisions are taken which will have an impact on the rest of the session, people need to be called out and people need to declare themselves. But it might