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yet. I'm a clock watcher. I'm a clock manager. I can read the pulse of the body better than anybody else in here, better than the lobby. I may say things to get you-all's blood flowing, but in the meantime I do understand the reality, and I never lose track of that, but my colleagues sometimes do. And some who have more responsibility to this body than I have, based on voluntarily assumed positions of leadership, have not lived up to their end of it. Call no names, bear no blames, but a guilty conscience needs no accuser. We're all grown. We're all politicians. I'm a practical politician. And if softball is what we're playing, that's what I will play, but if somebody wants to play hardball, I'm ready for that, too. Now what I'm saying may not seem to have much to do with what's before us, but really it does. What we're doing right now is spinning wheels, trying to get the lay of the land, trying to determine how entrenched people are in their various positions.

SENATOR SCHIMEK PRESIDING

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But none of that means anything to me. You all are the ones who need to go through that and you should take all the time necessary, because we do have plenty of time to do everything that we need to do this session. How many days do we have, 20, 30? It will seem like it by the time I get through doing the Ernie process, and I assure you when the session ends we will have done everything that we need to do. Watch and see. Be patient. Give yourself a break. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The next speaker is Senator Cunningham, followed by Senators Beutler, Erdman, and Janssen, among others. Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Madam Speaker and members. Well, yesterday I...or this morning I guess, I read in the paper that 35 of my colleagues spoke on this issue yesterday and I didn't say a word, but I can tell you at the end of the day, even after not saying a word, I felt totally exhausted because I was so torn, very torn on this issue. I'm one of those guys that actually wanted more cuts. I'm very disappointed that we