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voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay, to cease debate, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The debate has ceased. Senator Beutler, you're...Senator Chambers, you are recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, many and many a year ago in a kingdom by the sea there lived a maid named Annabel Lee. Now, what you all are going to hear from me today are things not necessarily associated with what is before us, but it's going to have an impact on what we do. My colleagues will listen to me because they don't know for sure what I'm going to say. Do you think when you're up here talking they're paying attention to anything that any of you all have said over and over and over? Sometimes I go down to my office because every now and then they'll take...there will be a shot of the Speaker, and you can see other people's faces, and you can see them walking around and talking and just doing what they do. Look around now. You all don't know what I'm going to say next, do you? But you want to hear it, even if it makes you angry. I understand my colleagues. I care more about you all probably than you realize. I care enough to inform myself of how you all think, how you all feel, how you all react. But some of you can get so outdone with me that you just space me off and, as a result, you put in my hands the element of surprise. You never know. You think, by letting a metal shield slide over your brain, that I'm going to go away. No. You've got the trick of illusion backwards. An illusionist can play on words and effect illusions. I can make everybody in this room disappear for Senator Mines if he would go along with me, but he probably won't, so I won't do that. I could either cause everybody to disappear, or I could have Senator Mines close his eyes and, for Senator Mines, everybody has disappeared. Now, I'm not going to disappear really, whether you pay attention to me or not. I want time to be taken and time is going to be taken. Senator Beutler may think because he got the support of "Godfather" Cunningham that his sales tax is now going to fly. I could sense in the copy room where I was a disturbance in the force that let me know Senator Beutler had taken hope. I don't