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SENATOR JANSSEN: That's true, because I've never been there.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Janssen, and nor does anybody else. And nobody knows on this floor right now which one of these proposals is going to provide the pot which contains the gold we will need to address this problem. But I've got a pretty good idea. But I'm not going to tell you right now, because you're not ready for it. Work needs to be done, and I know it. I'm reading the body. I'm picking up the vibes, Senator Bourne. I'm reading body language, Senator Kruse. And we're not ready yet to do what we're going to have to do. So I don't care what motion you put up there. I don't care what amendments you offer. I'm going to have something to say. And if I run you into calling the question, doesn't make me any difference, because it takes time to assemble everybody. They're going to be running and hiding and going to sleep different places, and you may not have enough people on the floor, so you'll have to call the house, which is all right with me, because that results in an expenditure of time also. When time is spent for no purpose, then you can say time is not being spent, it's being wasted. But when time is moving, when time is passing, and with the passing of time something is being accomplished that moves you closer to a desired goal, that time is not being wasted, no matter how it is spent. It is time well spent. I'm a benevolent dictator, Senator Bourne. And I've had that term applied to me.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I would explain to the youngest member of the body that criticisms are uttered other than on the floor. That's for Senator Erdman. He hasn't heard any criticism of how I operate. He said "on the floor." Maybe there have been criticisms that he missed. But we're going to continue to debate these issues until somebody invokes cloture on LB 1090. And when you invoke cloture, you're going to vote for the amendment that's pending, which will be voted down, and then you'll vote to move LB 1090. And I will have won. So I don't care what you do. You're in a lose-lose situation; I'm in a win-win situation. So I'm giving you another opportunity to vote against a reduction in taxes. Your vote this time against