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will tell the senator carrying water for him--because that will probably be "Emperor" Radcliffe--how to get all the people necessary to vote cloture on the issues related to his clients. But those who vote cloture in that situation will not be able to get 32 others to vote with them on their issues. So I'm not concerned at all that there will be 33 people voting to shut me up on every issue, even issues of the Governor, because there will be opportunities for me to extract--I will leave blank to be filled in by my colleagues in any way they choose--but to extract something. Sometimes a crisis, a genuine crisis, has to be reached. And until that crisis comes, is met, and is properly dealt with, some people on this floor will never understand the true nature of being a part of the government, assuming the responsibility of governing rather than kowtowing to lobbyists and special interest groups. So I'm all for the crisis coming. Let it come. I welcome it. And we will see how my colleagues will behave in that kind of a situation. I'm not worried about higher education being slashed when I look at a newspaper that was produced at UNO a few days ago that demeaned, disparaged,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and insulted black people by calling the paper the "Ghettoway," the pimp's edition, then made stereotypical, insulting comments about black people throughout the paper. I'm not feeling good about UNO. And I know they allow these newspapers here and on the campus in Lincoln and maybe at Kearney to have a degree of independence. But when certain types of comments are made, they must realize, the students, that consequences may follow certain statements. I'll put my light on, because I'm just about out of time this time around. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hudkins, on the advancement of LB 1090.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I have not spoken at all on this bill. And I feel that probably I really should. I'm feeling a little frustrated. And as DiAnna Schimek said, oh, some years ago, I think I'll just