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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...get nothing. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of AM3496, Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. As a member of the committee, the only member of the committee that voted no against the 5-page bill, I am going to ask universal consent to be able to vote 19 times against the 97-page amendment. But I thought I would tell you why, why I voted no against the 5-page bill. I will tell you. You tend to fear that which you do not understand, and I do not understand the unintended consequences of this bill. Law of unintended consequences was first brought up, actually enunciated like that, in a sociological paper written during the New Deal in 1936. It's been expanded considerably since then. But I do know that this bill--and I'm talking about the 5-page bill now, and I'll include the 97-page amendment--the consequences are not understood. The very, very least of which is not understood are parental relationships. When you separate out the wheat and the chaff, which Senator Chambers and Senator Bourne have begun and attempt to do, I think you get to the position that Senator Chambers was enunciating of just a few moments ago. This is a very, very mixed bag. Now there are some things that I would buy from the original bill. Emancipation at 18 on marriage. I think that's a good idea. From there on, in my mind, you go downhill. As a matter of fact, you may not understand all the consequences of majority upon marriage. In any event, this is why I voted against it in committee. And now I will go on to another subject. In the last eight years I have had...I used the term "a mixed bag" here a few minutes ago...I've had a mixed bag as far as my relationship with Senator Chambers, who has at times infuriated me immensely. But he's performing a very, very valuable service to the body, for which he should be thanked. To point out the problems with both the original bill and the amendment is a Herculean task, and I commend him, and I offer him the balance of my time. Thank you, Mr. President.