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opportunity to knock. Because what opportunity does when it comes to us is have the left hand on the door and the right hand poised to knock, and when the right hand hits the door, the left hand slams it, and opportunity laughs and mocks and says, gotcha again. You play by the rules. What you don't understand is that there is no rule. So we've learned not to wait for the knock. But this morning, not only did the door get knocked on by opportunity, but the door was opened wide by Senator Brashear. And I decided to just kind of amble through, spend a few moments conversing with my colleagues. And if you looked at that last vote that I got, one thing you must give me credit for, I do know how to unite my colleagues in a common cause. I did do that this morning. And I can take it. And we all are going to be in a much better mood when I sit down. We all are going to vote in a majority for every bill on Final Reading. I told you all we would get everything done this session that we need to get done, and we're going to do it. I gave you all the imagery of the quarterback who manages the clock. And Senator Friend nodded, because he understands that. And the clock is being managed, but it may not be managed the way some people like. And I told Senator Landis the other day, he won when he got his cloture vote and got his 31 votes. But I suggested to young Senator Smith that until the session is over, anything can happen. So I will not wait till we get on LR 29CA (sic--LR 209CA), when the "Emperor" can call in his chits, or whatever he's got hanging over you all's head, and say, vote cloture. I've got to take my opportunities as they come. And in other instances, I have to make my opportunities, and I intend to do that. But on Final Reading, I had no intent of using this occasion for what I've done. But I do feel a lot better. I know that the "Emperor" keeps track, keeps tabs on what we're doing, so he'll be scurrying and scrambling around, making phone calls, and giving you all your orders. And you'll tell him, Mr. Emperor, I haven't changed, I'm still with you, I'm going to do what you told me to do, I know what my orders are. And you're going to do it, because he told you to do it. And I'm "a gonna" mock, I'm "a gonna" stall,...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I'm "a gonna" ridicule, and I'm "a gonna"