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he wants to on his bill, except calling cloture prematurely. And if he'd call for cloture and if he'd get cloture, then you all could forget moving any other bills today, and you could forget other bills on Select File because then you will have put me in the frame of mind where this bill, at all costs, has got to be stopped. And all that I have to do is make sure that I don't croak Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. That's all that I have facing me. When I was getting ready to get out of boot camp, Senator Friend, there was this old sergeant who told us, you guys only have two weeks, or whatever it was, and he said you can do that two weeks standing on your head stacking BBs in a corner, to indicate, because some people get discouraged, you've come this far, don't throw it away, you can get through this. Well, my feeling is that for 3 days, having fought 57 days, if I cannot persevere the last 3 days then everything that I fought for is erased. If somebody, Senator Friend, can spend three days and three nights in the heart of the earth and get up and walk in the way that you and I walk, and not have body odor or anything, then certainly I can come down here three days and do great mischief. How much time do I have left on Senator Schimek's time?

SENATOR CUDABACK: About two minutes, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, now I'll get back to the bill. What Senator Foley is suggesting from our last exchange is that if a child comes into the world, has a severe deformity, and it can be shown that somebody administered a chemical to the woman, it might could be considered an assault against the woman if it was toxic. But even in the thalidomide cases, I'm not aware of criminal charges having been brought. I believe that the women were able, and they may not have succeeded in all cases, to try to get some damages. And the reason they may not have succeeded is because the drug itself was not known to cause these problems. Nobody could anticipate or forecast that if this drug were taken according to the way that it was designed to be taken, it would result in birth defects. Right now there are advisories given to pregnant women...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.