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reputation that precedes him. So I just kind of sat back, watched Senator Tyson, listened to him and decided that he wasn't half as bad as what people said. I listened a little longer, not one-fourth as bad as what they said; listened and watched a little longer, and decided for myself he's not that bad a person at all. For me, and this may apply to nobody else, much of the time Senator Tyson has been a joy for me to work with. He does not get involved in as many bills as I would like him to get involved in because he does have some powers of analysis. He can express himself, and I think because he does not speak that often, he will be listened to, although not often agreed with. But by having people of strong conviction who are able to express their views, issues are sharpened, they are clarified and the system is benefited. When I refer to Senator Tyson as the "Baron," in reality, that title does not convey everything that Senator Tyson is capable of. Because people on this floor and people in this building may not have had the opportunity to meet Senator Tyson and deal with him at what I would call a more personal level, such as I had, they may not understand why I'm saying the things that I do, but I have a profound respect for Senator Tyson. I know where he is on most issues. When he takes a position, you know that's going to be his position. So if I were going to be here when those festivities are undertaken, and somebody would be called on to give Senator Tyson his eulogy as he departs to the cemetery, figuratively speaking, of former senators, what I've said here is something like what I would say then. I have listened to Senator Tyson. He has been a good mentee. He could not have said better what he expressed unless he had had a better teacher than I have been to him. The kid has listened well. He has learned well. He made me think of myself when I was a mere lad, Senator Aguilar. So, having paid attention to Senator Tyson, being aware of his profundity of intellect, his having thoroughly analyzed the terrain, being concerned about our process and the Legislature as an institution, I stand convinced that what Senator Tyson has suggested is correct about my bill...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and what I'm offering at this time. I