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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Johnson.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, in light of your deplorable harassment of Senator Johnson, I'm going to yield him all of my time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Johnson, you have almost five minutes.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Thank you, Senator Byars (sic). Now, one of the things that I think that we need to understand and enter into the record here is just how good these machines are. Twenty to twenty-five years ago, there was a massive undertaking to teach people how to do CPR--cardiopulmonary resuscitation. When a person has a heart attack, so that they...or a heart condition called ventricular fibrillation, this is the last state that you have where the heart, rather than contracting as a unit, just...the muscles just all work independently. When you have that ventricular fibrillation, about the only thing that works is to use one of these devices. When we were teaching just cardiopulmonary resuscitation, our success rate was only 5 to 10 percent. With the use of one of these devices now, it's in excess of 80 percent that you will convert that rhythm, if...that is, if it's done early. So I don't mean to tell you that you're going to have an 80 percent success rate. But your chances of having the success go up very dramatically. As I said, it's only been 20 years to 25 years ago that a group over in Iowa of EMTs were authorized to use the first defibrillators in their unit. But the unit has to get to you. Now the technology is so good that basically you can't go wrong. You could have a group of fifth or sixth graders that could do this and be right virtually all the time. The other thing is that the machine is smart enough that if you're not, it is, and it will not do any harm. So it will only shock the individual when it has a rhythm that can be treated. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Johnson, your light...did you wish that to be on?

SENATOR JOHNSON: (Microphone malfunction)...enough. Thank you.