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world, that wants to intrude into everybody's affairs and tell everybody how to live their life will try to impose their system on somebody else. If you create a set of circumstances through force of arms, it will take force of arms to maintain and sustain it. There is going to be great disillusionment in Iraq. Expectations were raised so high that people may have gotten the impression, as some black people did when civil rights bills were signed in this country, that unemployed people will have work; hungry people will have food; those without electricity and clean drinking water will have these things; the slums will disappear; there will be fair treatment to all people. have vulcanized Iraq. That's all they've done. The Shiites, the Kurds, the Sunnis, that's what they have done, and they're trying to find a way to run out. This bill plays into all of that, and these are issues which policymakers should not shy away from. And if anything I've said is inaccurate or untrue, I would expect to be corrected. And if somebody can show me that something I've said is inaccurate or untrue, I will acknowledge it, but it's going to take more than just standing up and saying, Ernie, I disagree with you; you're wrong; you shouldn't say that; America is wonderful; Bush is coming here Friday...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and everybody ought to be good and join hands and sing "God Bless America." Not me. This bill is not justified. This expenditure is not justified. But if you go for it, then when the budget bill comes there's going to have to be an amount taken out of that budget bill at least the equivalent of this amount. And we can stay on the budget bill for however long it takes, as far as I'm concerned. This is sending good money after bad. Seventy-five percent tuition payment is an amount that is adequate and, in my point of view, from my point of view, it's excessive. So, I'm opposed to this amendment; I'm opposed to the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Thompson, on the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee amendments to LB 96.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the