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saying, I want to be made better than them and I'm going to get the Legislature to make me better by statute;...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...nothing in my conduct makes me better, nothing makes me worthy of respect, so I'm going to get the Legislature to legislate me some respect and legislate an inferior status to these other people who served as I served, who were as honorable as I was, who was discharged under honorable conditions, as was I; but I want to be better and I'm going to get the Legislature to make me better. If this is added to the bill, it will be more than controversy and I will carry it over to other bills. If you add this to this bill, I'm going to try to stop it. And if you get cloture, I promise you that I will make you go to cloture on every bill that comes after it, and I will do it. And if people think I don't care about these veterans, this will show just how much I do care about them. It's one thing to talk patriotism and wrap yourself in the flag. Now we have a chance to do the right thing and you're...the first thing you're going to do is defame those who served honorably. It boggles my mind. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On with discussion of AM0161. Senator Preister, followed by Senator Beutler and Chambers.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. I would like to offer an additional reason to vote against Senator Cunningham's amendment, if you would indulge me. Senator Chambers has made some. Senator Schimek has made some. I would like to offer you the fact that there are people who want to serve on these committees and we're seeing, in service organizations, in neighborhood groups, in veterans organizations, fewer and fewer people, including legislative and other governmental bodies, where there are fewer people even available and willing to serve. We should not, in my view, further reduce the pool of available, willing, capable people who could otherwise serve again honorably. All of these people who currently are serving on the veterans service committees,