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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It's not needed. Circumstances have changed, but the Legislature is unable to modify its conduct unless compelled to do so, unless beaten over the head with a two-by-four. I don't have to worry about too much this morning because we're going to do something else, I guess, at 11:00. At 11:00 a.m. we go to committee priority bills, and the first one, LB 242, certainly is of a nature that will generate a lot of discussion, not just by me, and the one following that, LB 563. Senator Janssen, again? To redefine "beer" to include flavored, malt beverages? Why, how much time do you think we're going to take on that bill? I only have to hold us on this bill...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator, but...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...you're recognized to close, as there are no lights on, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm closing on my amendment...my motion. My motion is to reconsider my amendment, which was overwhelmingly rejected. I think I may have equalled Senator Loudon's best effort this year, because my amendment got one vote. It would have gotten mine, too, except I had to be in a position to reconsider, so I was not voting. But I strongly support my amendment. I'm serious about it. And if this bill does manage to move to Final Reading, I'm going to file it there again and I'm going to hold us on this bill until the Speaker takes it off the agenda or until Senator Janssen can get 33 votes, and I will count votes like everybody else does. But I'm not going to go after one individual senator. There might be people who genuinely think this is a good bill, this is a good thing to do. Not being a mind reader, I cannot distinguish the motive of one from the motive of another. All I can do is look at the total number of votes and then do to those people what they're doing to me on this bill. For the new senators, I get kicked around in this Legislature so much that I have empathy for soccer balls, for footballs. And when soccer balls and footballs get