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and this will be your third time, as you know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, oh, Senator Friend is not here but what I was going to address to him I can address to everybody else. He said that something dear to you might come up and I'll do the same thing, somebody might throw up 30 amendments. Nobody on this floor is going to do what I do. Nobody is going to undertake to put 30 amendments up and be prepared to debate every one of them and not be backed off. Some of my colleagues who talk about how easy it is to do what I do have trouble using all of their five minutes when they get up to speak, so how are they going to speak for five hours or five days? I welcome the challenge. They don't. You don't hear them standing up and saying, this is something that means so much to me I will bring the Legislature to a halt if need be. Well, people out in the lobby will start They'll start getting phone calls. pulling on them. reporter will want to ask them a question, and then suddenly And I'm going to finish the song, but I'm not reality comes. going to sing it, that Senator Schrock started. Who's afraid of the big bad wolf? And the song ends, not I, not I, not I. around here you ask who's afraid of the big bad wolf? And the big bad wolf comprises those I mentioned that will put pressure. That's my I am too. I'm scared of everything. colleagues. You are afraid to have people be upset with you. I'm not. I know what I'm here for and I know what I'm going to and I don't need a whole lot of company with me. I don't need to be the Chairman of a committee. I don't need to have a whole lot of people holding my hand and saying, I'll back you, I'll back you. You don't see me scurrying around the floor with a piece of paper, counting the number of votes, because that count is not written in stone. What else do I want to say right now since this is my last time? Senator Schrock mentioned something about a brick house to protect rights, something like That's colorful and it's apropos of this I like that. What is the brick house protecting the rights of discussion. the people in this state right now? Why, it's the constitution, the basic, the organic, the fundamental law of this state, that foundation on which all legislation will be built upon. So why are you going to weaken the walls of the brick house that protects your rights? Why do you want to trivialize it?