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SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Byars, thank you. I have no further comments. My light is on and I was going to yield it to Senator Chambers so he could reply to you, but...so I'll pass. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, your light is next, if you wish to use it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would yield my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Thank you for your offer, Senator Byars. I am not interested in harming this bill. I have to use stories sometimes, because people are familiar with those and sometimes a point can be made not only more quickly but more graphically with a story. There was a person described as a wicked old witch and she took a very tempting apple and put a toxic substance in it so that a person who would consume this apple and the substance would fall into a deep sleep. The apple looked like any other apple, but there was something even worse than a worm in it. Now, if there was a way to remove all of the toxic substance or, if it were a worm, remove the worm, and what was left was wholesome and healthful, that would be better than nothing. Maybe nobody will get the entire apple, and that's because Senator Byars is working with people who want to have that toxic substance and the worm left in the apple. My feeling is that if those substances remain in the apple, the apple is not worth salvaging. But if we could arrive at a set of circumstances where the bulk of what's in this bill is salvaged, that's what they should want. So the way I would envision the situation resolving itself this morning is that Senator Byars would vote for my amendment and suggest that enough of you vote for it to adopt it. That would then put...he didn't say this. I'm saying this. He would be more diplomatic. That would put everybody's feet to the fire who professes to have an interest in this bill. None of them would have to talk directly to me. I will talk to Senator Byars. There are some people who'd rather not deal directly with me. That doesn't bother me. The reason ambassadors exist, the reason mediators exist, the reason arbitrators exist is because a go-between is