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away childish things. What we're trying to do this morning is engage in a general discussion so that time will exist after we leave here today to divide the question, but I want those business interests and their lobbyists to know that 13 weeks disqualification is not going to go, if I can stop it, so they need to start trying to amass their 33 votes, not only here on General File, but Select File and Final Reading, and I will go after other bills to stop us from getting to this one again. The Business and Labor Committee has been converted into a private preserve for these business groups. They had so many business lobbyists coming through there over and over that it became intolerable, unbearable and repugnant to me. They've got...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...somebody who is a Chairperson that they think they can run over, and I think there ought to be cochairs now of that committee--one for business, which they have now; and one for labor, which does not exist in that committee. Or they ought to split the jurisdictions so there's a business committee and there's a labor committee. They had over 90 bills, I was told. I didn't even go to a lot of the hearings. Why? The bills are not prioritized; they're not going anywhere. And I got, to be frank, sick of hearing them come and give this BS to the committee. Some of those bills never should have been introduced, but they were, and I'm not going to waste my time and let them waste it. But they brought this piece of trash out here and I will be the garbageman on this, and I'm getting ready, brothers and sisters. I'm just kind of testing myself here. No heavy punches right now,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...just a little sparring. But we will get to the real thing later and I'll say, let's get ready to rumble.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Cunningham, followed by Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I