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SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm very jealous. I intend to go on no vacation.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Oh.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I always am everywhere. Carry on. I scared you, didn't I?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Not really. I just...I would also offer, Senator Chambers, if we could move this on to Select File, I would sit diligently with you and work on this bill, you and Senator Beutler and other interested parties.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, since Senator Louden gave me the time, I'm going to continue now, since you had the chance to give your contribution. Those are those offers that mean nothing. How do you sit diligently? That's like somebody bravely running away. And talk about the bill; we've been talking about it. That's not a deal. A deal is saying this is what I will give up in exchange for that. I've offered Senator Cunningham a deal which he cannot accept. For those who don't know it, when we come to that period of disqualification from 7 to 10 weeks, and he'll agree to this, most of the people are disqualified at the 7-week level, not the 10-week. Most of the action is at the 7-week level. If I can be prevailed on to let that 7-week level be raised to 10, he has gotten far more than if he raises the 10 to 13. But that's not what he just wants to do. He doesn't want to raise the 7 up to 10, and the 10 to 13. He wants to raise the 7 up to 13 also.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And people who currently would be disqualified for seven weeks will be disqualified for almost double that amount, which I'm not going for. And he rejected the deal. I take it off the table. I'm not going to offer it any more. Cloture is where we're going and I will take my whipping on cloture. But I'm not going to stop, I'm not going