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one arguing on a bill. Usually they are these bills that want to take away the right of a woman to make choice, make a choice as to whether she'll carry a pregnancy to term. One of them I like to taunt my colleagues on because I was the only one who voted against the bill, but the Federal District Court, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, then the U.S. Supreme Court agreed with me, and questions that I had asked and information I elicited helped the Supreme Court reach the conclusion that that bill was overreaching, unconstitutional. So I don't mind being outvoted on this floor. I consider the nature and the magnitude and the status of those who are outvoting me. And this is not the end of any issue, so I don't care if I'm voted out...down 48 to 1. If you get 48 votes on cloture, that ought to make you feel good, unless there's a possibility you won't get 48 on every other bill that you try to get cloture on. And there might be some senators in here who have bills that they don't want to see moved. Well, what about the time coming when you're in my position and you won't know how to do like I'm doing. You won't be able to do what I'm doing. You're afraid to even get in this discussion. So if you're standing against the majority of the senators, you're not going to stand. And even when you've had to stand a little bit so far this session, you've always had a lot of other senators with you. You had people in the lobby with you. You had people writing hundreds of cards and making phone calls with you. You haven't had to stand alone. That's what I want to see. That's when I will feel you have been tested, and I don't think you're going to pass the test. I have been weighed in the balance and not found wanting. I have been tested sorely and I've never run away. I'm still here and I'm going to be here. And the reason I'm taking the time on this bill, because I think the welfare of working people merits it. These people go to work and they toil under very, very harsh, unfriendly conditions, and on many of these low-paying, dirty...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...jobs they're told by the employer, you can't get anything else; go someplace else, you can't get a job anywhere else. All these women who are being told, move from welfare to work, and the stuff they have to put up with, not