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to me that your colleagues haven't done or tried to do to me before. But they never win. If they won, wouldn't I be subdued? Would not I be humble? Would I not be apologetic? None of that applies to me. But if you cloture me, don't come to me looking for help on any of your bills. And you better understand everything about your bill unless you can stand to be embarrassed on the floor by being shown...by showing everybody that you got a bill you don't know what's in it. And that plays into my hands. The less time I spend off the floor working with people, the more time has to be taken on the floor. And if you got one of those bad bills, maybe I'll try to stop your bill from being amended and they'll have to cloture me and move that bad bill and put it on the Governor's desk. And then he's going to have to sign a bad bill that everybody knows is bad, and you're doing all of that to fix me, just like they got term limits to get me out of the Legislature. And isn't it something when the one who is to be defeated emerges victorious and triumphant? I'm not in any way repressed by what we're doing. I enjoy watching the Legislature flounder when it put itself in a position for that to happen. When you all bring these bills in here, you ought to be in a position to negotiate, you should be in a position to make a deal when that deal presents itself. But when you got to run out to the lobby and get your orders, you got to talk to Mr. A, Ms. B, and any number of other players, and they don't even agree, then you come in here acknowledging that there are things wrong with the bill, but you can't do anything about it. What do you mean you can't do anything about it? You are a senator. You are cloaked with the authority and the power to legislate. But if you choose to let somebody enslave you, then you deserve to be enslaved.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I'm going to help point out that that is the situation you've chosen to put yourself in. We're not talking about a bill where Senator Cunningham is running out to get information that he couldn't have had before. He's running out of here to see what kind of deal he can make. And they run him right back in here and say, no deal. And that's where we are. Section 5 does not have to be rejected, and you're not going to reject it anyway, but all of these provisions need