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kept in those positions, and the unions are not serving the interest of the working people. Why do you think unions are losing membership? Because the unions are being perceived as those entities that sell them out. Why do you think Wal-Mart is so successful in preventing the unionization of Wal-Mart workers? Because the union, organized labor, the AFL-CIO, none of the rest of the them, can stand up to these big entities anymore. They're not the entities that strike fear into national political parties. Their support cannot carry the day because they do not represent...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...well the interests of the people who make them possible. You said time?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, thank you. Until the working people will take back their unions, and they can only do that by holding these union representatives accountable, they're going to continue to be sold out, the union will be a shadow of itself and never function in a way that benefits the workers. If the union representatives were afraid to stand up to business, they should have notified the rank and file of what was going on and try to see if they could organize busloads to come down here to these hearings and speak in their own behalf in a way that their union representatives won't. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on FA115 to the first division of the divided committee amendments. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, let me tell you how strong the union is now. The union is as strong as soup made from the shadow of a malnourished pigeon. That's how strong the union is--soup made from the shadow of a malnourished pigeon. Who even cares about the union? Why do you think people who are considered union workers can be mistreated on the job with impunity? When they have to go to file an appeal, the