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amendment and we're going to go back to the battle that we had.
I'm sick of the lobby, I'm sick to death of them. We on this
floor determine what we're going to do when it comes to
legislation.   When the Speaker has taken his time to go out
there and explain to those people in the lobby the ways things
are going to be done, then they're going to disregard the accord
that was reached and think they can come in here and derail it,
they have another think coming. And if they think, because I
signed onto an amendment which contains an accord that I agreed
to, that they're going to push me around and try to put words in
my mouth, they have another think coming.   So I need to ask
Senator Cunningham a question so I will know whether we're going
to deal with this amendment and the way we had talked about it,
or all bets are off and everything is off the table and we go
back to giving them the chance to get you all to vote for
cloture on this bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Cunningham, would you yield?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Cunningham, what is your purpose in
asking me the questions that you just did?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Senator Chambers, I apologize for asking
you the questions, but I was just talking with Senator Brashear
and didn't hear everything that you said, so I apologize for
that also, but...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. I'm not upset with you asking the
questions.   I want to know why. Because it seems that you've
talked to somebody out in the lobby who wants to get you to come
in here and somehow persuade me to say that the language in this
bill amendment does not mean what it says.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Actually, everyone in the lobby says it's
fine, Senator Chambers.   I was just curious as to what your
intention was. Everyone says it's fine. So I want you to
totally understand that no one, and I stress no one, in the
lobby suggested in any way that I ask you that question.