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slowly decline to 49, 48, 47. And we fought long and hard to get away from that in previous years and to establish a constant relationship. And I predict that on Select File there's going to be a huge battle on this, so you all should take a look at it, talk to the people you trust and see what you think about how that should be structured. That's going to be the focus on this bill, I think, for the next round or two rounds of debate. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Brashear.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Mr. President and members of the body, there were...at the point in time when I asked to speak, I...there was no one else going to address the body, and I wanted to rise in several acknowledgments. I think this is the best of the process, and I want to point that out. Numerous people have talked to me about what great work and hard work Senator Cunningham has put into this bill and how long he has labored and tried to be inclusive. And I know that has involved a lot of work for his staff. Senator Chambers' opposition has been informed and pointed, and has created a substantive debate. People talk to me about the evils of our off-floor negotiations and so on. Pardon me, but give me a break. If you can't pick up the...can't pick up from all these hours of debate what the issues among and between the contestants are, then you aren't listening. Senator Beutler has had a heavy involvement in the debate; Senator Redfield, and I'm probably omitting someone else. I think this is the best of the process, and I thank everyone for the cooperation and for the work product. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Cunningham, you're recognized to either speak or close. There are no other lights on but yours.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I will close.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're recognized to do so.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: I would first address Senator Beutler. I