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\$50,000. That person may be able to cough up \$50,000 easier than this person than cough up \$1, those who have never been stressed because of a small amount of income which doesn't cover their needs and, therefore, anything subtracted from what they have puts a hurting on them. Those who've not been in that set of circumstances are always talking about spending surplus or discretionary income which is not going to affect whether they eat or have heat or medical care or even recreational opportunities. But somebody has to be concerned about that, and I am. And if Jack, whose mother had one little cow--I'm talking about Jack who went up the beanstalk--one little cow, and Jack took it to town and, instead of getting money, traded it for some magic beans, but Jack's mother has to pay as much on her one cow as the richest person in the kingdom, that's not right. That is not fair. But what is worst about it is the fact that it takes people's money against their will, then purports that this is done voluntarily. It is not voluntary. And obviously, the program is not good if you have to trick and extort money from people. So you can do what you will with this motion. I have to spend my time here anyway. But Senator Friend needs to know that when the dinner bell rings and when the trough is spread, these senators are not going to stay here till midnight on a bill like this they don't even care about. Why, when 4:00 comes here, stomachs are going to be growling and overruling anything you want to do. Wellington? Perish the thought. He should remember how Napoleon got whipped when he invaded...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...Russia, and then he wouldn't compare me to Napoleon. And Napoleon wasn't the only one who made a mistake of trying to invade Russia. People know how to fight and wage a battle on their own territory, their own terrain. They know what it takes for an army to survive. And if an army is far from its source of supply and it cannot get enough by foraging off the land, it will starve. And if the winter comes, the heavy mechanized equipment gets bogged down in the mud and suddenly its effectiveness has been nullified. You cannot invade Russia on the ground and whip Russia, Senator Friend. Do what you will with this motion. But before you do the wrong thing, think about postponing action on this bill till we know