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manner: You take a mouse and you cut its tail off. Then the children of that mouse, you cut their tail off. Then you do that for a thousand generations. Then you come to the conclusion that an accident which removes an animal's tail is not going to have genetic impact; therefore, the descendents will come out with a shorter tail. That's not the way evolution works. It's a process that helps creatures survive in an environment which may become hostile, and that is going on all around us. Senator Loudon was even able to get me to work to produce an amendment to a bill to kill pigs which, in a sense, engaged in quasi-evolutionary development. Pigs, which started out domesticated, after a relatively short period of time became feral, or wild. They took on a different appearance. They grew a different kind of hair, their hooves were different, and they passed this on to their little piglets. And unlike the lucky pigs in Senator Loudon's way of looking at things, this little piggy doesn't go to market. This little piggy doesn't stay home. In fact, this little piggy is blasted into eternity. So we have to modify some of these little nursery rhymes even. I said that to say this. The proposal that Senator Beutler's amendment will do away with is one in the realm of nursery rhymes. I can understand how those who want this program would want to get the rest of us to be so bedazzled or so bewildered or bewitched that we would lay aside this money and consider that it is not the same as having been spent. It's money taken off the table. It's money not available for things that need to be dealt with right now. And it's money for a program which is not prepared to spend the money.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And those who are supporting the program don't even know how much it's going to cost. They don't even know whether next year the equipment they're talking about now will be considered the top of the line equipment. They don't know any of that. But we're supposed to take a discrete amount of money, in the millions, and lay it aside in a drawer. I say no way. I support Senator Beutler's amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. There are no