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They're self-righteous, they talk about the party for the family and all this nonsense, but when you look at their conduct, it's exactly opposite. I've been asked why no more rhymes have been written by me about Mossey, especially because of his drunk driving and all of these other calamities. I had made it clear that if he were not a member of the Legislature, I would have no interest in anything he did. He would just be a malefactor to be handled by the system. Since he no longer is a member of the Legislature, he has been dumped from the pretrial diversion program. To me, he is just an unfortunate, tortured, tormented soul, trying to find a way to survive. That is not the kind of person who is the subject of my rhymes. Now I might have an inkwell full of poisoned ink into which I dip my pen, but that pen is directed against those who are able to defend themselves, who have done and are doing bad things to harm others, and they're doing it of their own volition. Mossey is not in that category. I do not believe in kicking somebody who is down. He has taken himself off the face of my target. if there are people who feel compassion for their fellow creatures who have stumbled, who have strayed, who have even deliberately sinned and placed themselves in a set of circumstances which are hellish, and if they believe in those kind of prayers that are uttered down here every morning, Mossey is one who should be a recipient of your prayers. You all have heard of him, even if you don't know him. Since he is a high profile individual, he is perfect to use as an...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...example to call attention of the people to him who claim to believe in all of these compassionate, religious bromides which I think are a lot of nonsense and hypocrisy. Nevertheless, if people believe those things make any difference, don't just say a prayer for the common foot soldier, think about your former colleague and toss some of those words his way. As I always say, they may not help but they shouldn't hurt. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on FA36. Open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Schrock and Senator