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was nonnegotiable. Now, I believe that legally the concept of a window of nonenforcement is problematic. I'm not willing to throw that out the window, but it's problematic and I have very casually suggested another way, another approach that would definitely be a compromise that we can do that and, quite frankly, I am quite confident I'd pick up even more votes with that. Of course, we never know until the votes are cast, but I...it so far looks like I'm more negotiable than the other side, and I don't want to get taken advantage of and I'm going to make sure that I don't get taken advantage of on that and so that we can...we can move on. If the other side wants to take this to the mat, require 33 votes, we can go ahead and do that. But I hope that we can negotiate in good faith and I think that I've...am doing my part in that. Hope that we can move forward. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Chambers. Is Senator Schimek on the floor? She is. She waives her time. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the only one who can move for cloture is the introducer of the bill. Senator Smith said something about not taking...not needing...doing...let me ask him a question. Senator Smith, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Smith, this is just to be clear on what you had said about 33 votes. Could you repeat that?

SENATOR SMITH: If the other side chooses to take it to 33, take that threshold to 33 instead of 25, that's what we'll have to do. But I...I think...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR SMITH: ...that we can negotiate that, hopefully, to accommodate some softening from both sides, not just one side,