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that I get a shot at. He just happens to be the first one. But I want to show him he doesn't know how to negotiate. He voted cloture twice. Now what he ought to do is go get those two lists and, out of those two lists, there are over 66 people, maybe the same person more than once but nevertheless he should be able to collect at least 32, but he's not going to get them. And Senator Jensen has learned one of my tactics. He's challenging Senator Smith. Do your worst. I'm asking no quarter; I'm giving none, because he knows he's got it in his pocket. I stand alone. I work alone. But I haven't been completely alone because others have spoken out. On this bill my position with reference to motorcycle helmets has always been against the state mandating it. The state has mandated that people wear helmets. Senator Smith is trying to mitigate that to some extent. When he started out, he was pristine, pure, unsullied, maybe slightly soiled because nobody is perfect, but generally unsullied. Then he crossed a line, which was a direct challenge to me. When people challenge me, I rise to the challenge. So now I'm going to do all that I can to deny him what he wants in this bill. He wants it enacted into law. I'm going to help stop it. I don't believe he's got 33 votes. He may not have 25. But what he can do is find ways to test the water without having to move for cloture, but he doesn't want to do that. So I'm going to enjoy watching him squirm, if squirm is what he's doing. If, on the other hand, he is philosophical and realistic, as I must be, there's a certain resilience that you develop. You accept whatever comes as being an event you could not forestall, but the happening of that event is not the end of all things. He will not get his bill, but he can get shreds of it. He can get enough fragments to be able to campaign on the issue of motorcycle helmets, having opposed the mandating of wearing them by the state, but argue that the Legislature is so unreasonable, as those who wear helmets have discovered, that he had to move in such a way as to obtain what he could. By obtaining what he could, he established that the current law, as it exists, is inadequate. The Legislature is just not willing to give up everything right now. He can get that, but Senator Smith doesn't want that. No, Senator Smith doesn't want that. He thinks because he is young and Senator Jensen, like me, has hair that is white...mine is gray, his is white...that he's a good distance up the trail, that...