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left. The session is proceeding the way that I want it to. You all have set the tone. You're going to cloture. And I said early on that that is the way you're going to legislate this session. So how many bills are you going to get acted on? How many bills are you going to have to cloture on which ordinarily you wouldn't have to? But since you've hurled the challenge, drawn the line in the sand, I'm going along with you. Again, as I've always said, just tell me what the rules are; I will abide by them, and I'll whip you at those, too. Nobody is pulling strings on me. Nobody is dictating that I get this done or that done or anything else done.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm going to follow my mind. I'll march to the drummer that I hear, and I'm not going to vote in ignorance on an issue as important as this one. And other than what Senator Brashear gave by the way of explanation, others who have spoken have not given anything that offered much enlightenment. They have expressed great appreciation for what has been done, but they have not explained what has been done. So I'm going to have to follow my chosen methodology and see how far I can go with it and where it will take me. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On with discussion of the Brashear amendment, AM1334, to the committee amendments to LB 645, Senator Raikes, followed by Senator Redfield.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I guess, following Senator Chambers, I'm going to commend Senator Brashear on his work because I think it was very good work. I'm also going to suggest that I'm going to raise a few questions, maybe just my questions, maybe nobody else has them. First, a few comments on the points about the dangers of public entities and their overinvestment at public expense and public jeopardy, and the clear advantage, so proclaimed, of private entities. I would remind you to consider, what about the distortions caused on private entities by the various kinds of subsidies and business tax credits and all that sort of thing? Those go from government to private. It's at least my impression that the