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Public libraries offer as a service, quite often, to senior citizens and so on, the ability to use the Internet for e-mails, for surfing the Internet, and suddenly, we're saying that even though you've been doing this for 10 years, because the powers that be are in a turf war, you can no longer do this. This is wrong. We need to take a look at Section 2, either amend it, eliminate it, whatever needs to be done, because this was never the intent, I think, of any of us, that public libraries cannot provide a service to senior citizens, but that's what we're doing. And I will present an amendment to that effect, if indeed it is needed. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kopplin. Senator Chambers, you are recognized, followed by Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. President, quoting Alexander Pope, since we're expatiating free o'er all this scene of man. I said that on purpose. I happened to hear the sermon this morning, and it was long. I mean, it just went on and on, and every time I'd get ready to leave and come up here, a second wind came, then a third wind, then a fourth wind. And when you all bring those sermonizers here, I'm going to comment on them, and that individual prayed for the men. I listened to him. I listened to whatever happens on this floor. I'm not up here listening to it--prayed for the men. Bless the men who are here. Give them wisdom. I don't even know if my female colleagues picked that up. I listen. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear what the spirit saith to the churches, and you all was having church this morning. You all were having church this morning. And I just kind of chuckled inwardly. As I was telling Senator Redfield on another subject we were discussing, the "Bibble" says God is not the author of confusion. Well there you have it. Let me get to this confusion that is going on this morning. In 1779 there was a guy named Ned Lud, L-u-d, in England. For some reason he was very upset at this stocking maker. So he went into the stocking maker's house, and they had frames on which they made stockings or hosiery. And he totally destroyed both of these frames. From that day forth, anybody who would do something that was destructive would be referred to as a Luddite. In years following Ned Lud, people who thought that bringing in machinery and displacing workers without making any provision for these