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cart. If you're going to have a study, hold everything at status quo; don't put anything in the bill that prohibits this, or allows that. Leave everything just as it is. But if you're going to make certain declarations and freeze them into the statutes so they are law, why have a study? Everything ought to be stripped from this bill, and you ought to only have the task force and let them study. That's all that ought to be done, and that's the direction I'm going. And I want those people in those suits to know what my thinking is. They care about what I say. They want to know what my position is. What other senator are they going to be shaking about, and saying, well, what does she think? What does he think? You heard of E.F. Hutton? (Laughter) "General" Friend, when E.C. speaks, they listen. They don't want to--they hate it. But they better, because they know they cannot get around me. When have you ever heard of going to a doctor's office and saying, Doc, I need something done for me. So the Doc says, okay, come over here, I'm going to stick this needle in your arm; I'm going to stick this IV in the other arm, and I'm going to saw off the fingers on your left hand. Then I'm going to give you a physical examination and see what's wrong with you. You're not going to go for that unless you're insane--going to a doctor in the insane asylum. But here we are, responsible lawmakers, taking care of the public's business on an issue as important as this.

SENATOR JANSSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you're going to do certain things and put it in the law, then you're going to have a study. Why, you've already skewed the whole thing. You've given it a direction. You've drawn conclusions. My good friend Senator Flood would hate to go before a judge defending his client, and the judge tells him, well, Attorney Flood, your client's guilty. I sentence him to 30 years in prison. Now, would you like to present your client's case? We can see the irrationality of that approach everywhere else, but since the big shots and the suits think they're calling the shots, this is what we get. They're not going to call the shot on me, and I'm challenging them now to run roughshod over me, and I'll bet you can't do it, because some of the senators are going to become embarrassed and ashamed that all of this other work is going to be impressed