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tying these two together. See, people object to what I do when it's convenient for them to object. But when I'm on their side, I'm a great guy. I'm doing the dirty work that they know needs to be done, but which nobody on this floor will do. That discussion that I undertook yesterday needed to be made on the record so the public could be aware of why a proposal would be made by the Legislature to do something about that Regent. Who else will stand on this floor and talk about it? Nobody. After I would speak, and then somebody else would get up, they'd talk as though nothing had been said by me on that issue. But there were some secretly applauding and happy that I did it. do what I think is appropriate to be done, even though it would be a lot of fun for me to let some of these issues just ride along and watch the senators wimp out on them. But they know I'm not going to do that. Sometimes they like what I do because it's in line with what they want to see done. A lot of times they don't like it. So what I do and say is not based on what other people want or like, it's based on what I think is right And I believe in doing something to help the for me to do. women in this state, and I believe in helping them more than I believe in helping the Game and Parks Commission. When do they want to talk about the women? Well, Mother's Day is coming, you can talk about them on Mother's Day. That's not the way I operate. How do I get the senators' attention on issues that involve women? Talk about things that they are interested in like grass and trees and fish and fowl. Then I can make them pay attention to what I say about women. But let them think, oh, this is a women's issue, then they can go to sleep...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and disregard it like they disregard the women. So I have to use what I know it's going to take to get their attention, and that's what I'm going to do. I'm not going to go away. I'm not going to get tired, I'm not going to quit. And I don't care if you all cloture the budget and cloture every bill in here. That's not going to stop me from saying what I think needs to be said. It makes you all look like fools, makes you look weak, makes you look silly and simple because you don't have the wherewithal under your rules to do the things that need to be done on the floor of this Legislature. So you do as the