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LB 312, 500

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator Chambers would move to reconsider the vote just taken to recommit to the committee.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your reconsideration motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, they got 21 votes against recommitting the bill. That's 12 votes from the 33 they say they've got for cloture. I don't think they have 33 votes. But I don't leave anything to chance. I'm going to keep hammering and hammering. I've even been told that there may not be 25 votes for the bill. But again, I cannot leave anything to chance. Some of my colleagues have been told things that didn't pan out that way. Who is this stranger walking through our Chamber up in the front? (Laughter) We just allow people to just wander in off the street and walk across the front of the...didn't you all see that person in the short-sleeved shirt? Where were the Sergeants...well, okay. (Laughter) At any rate, let me continue. Not many things can make me lose my thought, but that stranger just ambling through did. Let me return to what I was talking about. Oh. I just...I was...I had it explained to me. It is a colleague in camouflage. And it was appropriate--somebody said "hunting gear"--because of the subject of the bill. So I stand corrected. But members of the Legislature, LB 312, I will say again, has gone over to Select File. There are people who want to offer some amendments to that bill, to try to bring about some degree of equity toward and for employees. Those are legitimate amendments, and they will be discussed. But not one of those amendments would take away from these businesses anything that they have procured from the Legislature. And that should be enough for this session. This bill may not have enough votes to pass, even if it could get a vote. It should not go that far. This reconsideration motion gives us the opportunity to send it back to the Revenue Committee. This is to reconsider the vote that was just taken, a vote where the enemy, the "axes of evil," got 41 votes. You know what I mean when I say "axes of evil"? Senator Combs, you don't have to answer, but do you know what I'm referring to when