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of the time that I feel I need to take on the remaining issues before us. We have not just emerged from a great civil war; that hasn't started yet. What we've come through is a very uncivil, uncivilized couple of votes. But that is not the end of all things. I'm going to listen to the debate and see which way the body is going to move. One bill should not be treated in the fashion that LB 748 has been treated, if the other bill, LB 48, does not receive the same treatment. The committee failed the Legislature by letting both of those bills come out here. They should have selected one, or held them both. But to just throw their hands up and say, this is too much for us, we can't handle it--this is the subject matter of this committee, but we cannot provide the leadership the body needs, so we're just going to throw it out to the body. There need not have been a hearing. There need not have been anything. They should have just done it at the outstart. Maybe the rules should have been suspended and both should have been referred directly to General File, without a hearing. In effect, that's what we have. When things are put out here, they must be dealt with. In keeping with my disposition and my practice, I shall deal with these two items in the way that I see fit, in disregard of what anybody else does. If not another word is uttered by anybody, it matters not to me, but if this vote is unsuccessful, I cannot allow LB 48 to remain unencumbered, because in the press of business, that is a bill that could slip past without me paying attention to it. I don't know that that will happen, but such things can. And I'm going to do all I can to be sure it doesn't happen, as far as I'm concerned. Mr. President, how much time do I have remaining?

SENATOR CUDABACK: About one twenty-seven, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I was going to ask a question or two, but I think I will not do that, because there's too little time for that. But I am going to take all of the time that I have. Some people have told me that the same ones who voted to recommit LB 748 would vote to recommit LB 48. I do not take things like that for granted. There's no automatic pilot in here, as far as I'm concerned, so I have to behave as though the worst thing that can happen, will happen on bills of this kind, where there is so much heavy lobbying on both of them. I think the