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looking and nodding to each other--um-hum, but we got the rest of them. We can't get him, but by God, we got the rest of them, and we run them like we want to, and if they cross us, we won't feed them. Those are the ones who feed you all. Look at them. Do you see respect in their eyes? Look at them. Now how can you eat off them, and then expect them not to have the contempt that they have, and feel like they run everything in here, and that what they say goes? Because when you let somebody feed you, they own you, they feel. Now this is a battle between two sides that have been drawn. I'm looking at a letter that came from Hastings Utilities, and the first sentence says, followed by a second sentence: It has come to my attention that some senators have been told that Hastings Utility is currently engaging in "double-piping" of natural gas services. This is simply NOT TRUE! As part of our recent annexations, Hastings Utilities put NO pipe in the ground that would enable us to serve Kinder Morgan customers, until we had explicit permission from Kinder Morgan to lay pipe necessary to transfer customers, as part of our recently negotiated agreement. And on and on. People are defensive; they see the need to explain what they have done, and a lot of it might flow from comments made by senators, or questions put by senators. But for my part, I like the approach that fellow from England, Galloway, had taken to that Congressional Committee. And the British commentator said, it's a lot of rhetoric, but it's not going anywhere. They're not a part of the Justice Department; there are no judicial proceedings in contemplation, so it's just a lot of talk, and it won't...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...mean anything, and won't do anything. And this fellow who in Parliament has never been called a lion, was called by American commentators "the lion of Parliament." And for him to be called a lion surprised people in Britain, because what he did was not lionlike to them. But when you have a Congress which is accustomed to browbeating and bullying people being given their comeuppance and made to see how ignorant they are, how they don't have a basis for the things that they say, American reporters are bedazzled by that. Well, in this Legislature, lobbyists often set the tone and the agenda for