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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...did not agree with all those bills that came out here. But I did not get the impression that a slipshod, careless job had been done, and the committee had been buffaloeed by a particular lobbyist. Those days are gone. And here we are with this bad bill. And I'm doing what I can, in my little way, to discourage the Legislature from taking this step, which is unwise, imprudent, unjustified. So I will continue, as long as I have means at my disposal, to fight against this bill, until we reach showdown time. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the motion...reconsideration motion by Senator Chambers. Senator Landis, followed by Senators Janssen, Jensen, Kopplin, Flood, Redfield, and seven others. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We use these opportunities to talk about the bill, because of course it's not really a talk about reconsideration. This is a delaying tactic. It's a tool used to design...designed to use the clock to defeat majority rule. And so we use this as a chance to talk about the failings of the Revenue Committee, or the virtues of the bill, or the like, because we don't talk about whether or not we missed some piece of information for a reconsideration, or if there was, you know, a problem with attendance, or whatever, or some new information. We use this as the new tool to defeat majority rule in this body. And that's what we're doing. Senator Chambers said, you know, let's just not go to cloture. Cloture is not good for the state, it's not good for the Legislature...he didn't say the state, he said, it's not good for the Legislature. Let's just not. I think that's a great idea. Let's work through the amendments and vote on the bill. I would...there's no doubt that Senator Chambers has no question as to the courage of his will, but not the courage of his ideas. If he had courage...if he had the courage of his ideas, he would let it operate in the marketplace of ideas, and operate on the strength of themselves, see whether he could be persuasive or not, see whether he could convince us that it was a good idea or a bad idea. That's not where this lies. It lies in the absolute and admirable courage of his will, but not in the courage of his ideas, because he doesn't have the courage of his ideas. Otherwise, he'd put them on the table and feel