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CLERK: 21 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. The house is under call. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Unexcused senators report to the Chamber. The house is under call. The house is under call. All unexcused members please check in. Senator Dwite Pedersen, Senators Jensen, Janssen, Cunningham. Senators Hudkins, Engel, Brashear. Senators Raikes, Schrock, Schimek, Landis. Senator Mines, Senator Thompson, and Senator Bourne, please. Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'll begin talking, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How much time do I have remaining?

SENATOR CUDABACK: About 3 minutes and 43 seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, that's close enough. What my amendment does--my motion--if adopted, is bracket this bill until June 3, which means it will not be considered again this session. If people are going to vote for the amendment but not vote for the bill, my suggestion would be that they either vote for the bracket or don't vote at all. And the bracket motion will not pass if there are enough "not votings" or enough no votes. That will be an inconclusive vote. The amendment that is pending, the hodgepodge, will at some point be voted on, and I'm telling what I intend to do. It's not a threat, although some people may take it that way, just as if I walked up to you on the street and put a Buntline Special against your nose and said, give me all the money you got in your pocket. That's not a threat, that's a suggestion or a recommendation. (Laughter) So what I'm doing is informing of what I intend to do. This bill, if it becomes...if this amendment becomes the bill, it is such an atrocity that I as a member of the Legislature cannot allow it to pass if I can stop it. And I believe I can stop it, and in the process of stopping it, other bills are going to fall by the wayside, too, and that makes me no difference. We're all