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court would rule. I'm not going that far with it. I'm saying that with the time we have remaining, it is not necessary to do it in this fashion. But if this is what the body wants to do,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Time, Senator. And that was your third time, Senator, as you know. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I have been listening to the discussion very faithfully and I have a real interest in what Senator Chambers is bringing up as far as the dollar amount in this bill. But one of my main concerns here is that we are...we're trying to develop a task force to study the issue, but in the other part of the amendment we are putting something into law. I think we should either have one or the other, and realistically I think we should have the task force first. But I'm really concerned about, you know, putting that \$200,000 in there for that. Yes, it's probably needed and maybe it's not very many dollars. But only a few days, my attempts were in vain to try to convince the legislative body to meet the obligations that were set forth several years ago. All I was asking was for \$400,000. My efforts were in vain, like I had said. Maybe the public power has sold out, but I haven't; realistically, I haven't. And I'm really concerned, you know, what we're trying to do. We're trying to create the study, which I am in favor of, but yet we're also trying to put something into law. Why don't we do the study first? Forget about the rest. That's my feeling. And I'll give the balance of my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, the only reason I'm going to take some of the time is so that I will have time to draft an amendment. I think I've made it clear, and if I didn't I'll make it clear now. My intent is not to fight Senator Brashear's amendment, the one that we're being presented with this morning. The battle was lost when public power sold out. That's when the battle was lost. You have weak-kneed, spineless people, and they pick the individuals they will talk to because they like to skate around me. Had they talked to me before they made their