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over my objection. L'etat, c'est moi. I am the state. Whether anybody likes it or not, whether anybody is angry about it or not, means not the pop of a finger to me. I pledge to stop this bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't care now what you do with it. And I'm not going to talk to John Lindsay. Mr. Richards is as upstanding and upright a fellow as you can find. I put him on a par with George Wash...well, no, that's...I don't think too much of George Washington. On his own merits, he's a good and honorable man. But in a political setting such as this, politics comes into play. So we're going to have a test of wills on this bill. And I will this bill's death. It's not just on Senator Beutler's amendment now. I've had a chance to look at some other parts of the bill, and it's not what it purports to be. And I doubt that Senator Schrock understands everything in this bill. I doubt that he knows everything in this bill. He might have people telling him what's in the bill, as some people told me...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...what the bill did. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On with discussion of FA310, offered by Senator Beutler to the Schrock amendment. Senator Preister, followed by Senator Schrock.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. The first thing that I'd like to do is just correct some information that Senator Schrock said. He talked about the Gerald A. Gentleman coal-fired power plant, and I heard him say that it was the cheapest and that it was the cleanest. Now, he's 50 percent right and 50 percent wrong. It is one of the cheapest operating coal-fired power plants, generating facilities in the country. It's cheap because it's an old plant and it's paid for. And it is low cost. But because it's old, it is operating in such a way that there are lots of emissions.