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amendment has been adopted. I do raise the call. Do you have any messages, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Not at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, next amendment, please.

CLERK: FA329, Senator Chambers, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 251.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on FA329 to LB 542.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, I'm going to make a comment or two to wrap up what I was talking about earlier by bringing us to the present and talking about a specific situation that really, to use a white person's term, gripes me. Senator Friend and I locked horns last session when I made some very negative comments about what this country is doing in Iraq. I was very critical of you all's President, and said that in my view America is guilty of terrorism and that Bush is the biggest terrorist in the world. I listen to Cheney, your Vice President, I listen to Bush, and I listen to these other operatives talking about the wonderful liberation of Baghdad, about the great proliferation of democracy in the Middle East, the imposition of so-called democracy at the end of the barrel of a U.S. gun. There is more violence, carnage, death, and chaos in Iraq now, thanks to the white Americans and their attitudes, than had ever been in that country before. But let it be. Let them boast about what a great thing they're doing. But do you know what a black person looks at? While they're talking about how wonderful it is to ensure that the Sunni Muslims, who constitute a minority in Baghdad, have a place in the government, using guns and soldiers to secure polling places, so that everybody who wants to vote can vote--wonderful--in Baghdad and other parts of Iraq, a similar type thing on a smaller scale in Afghanistan, and while that euphoria is sweeping over everybody in this country because they see how great America is...oh, it's cost over 2,000 lives, but what is that? Bush and Cheney say, well, yeah, kids are dying, but thank God they're not ours. And none of them wanted to go