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myself to challenge this whole thing in the federal court again, and I have had brought to my attention a federal decision which is going to give me guidance. And if the federal court tells you you can't do it, you can't do it. Now if you want to be like Andrew Jackson and say, John Marshall, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, has made his decision, let him enforce it, then you can engineer, at the state level, a political crisis, but you don't have the belly for that, and I know it. You don't even have the belly to vote the way you ought to on something in your own rules. That's why I don't ever worry about any constitutional crisis being generated by anything my colleagues on the floor of the Legislature would do. Why, then, am I opposed to you all getting kicked out of here by term limits, when I say, you're foolish, you're simpleminded! You're like kids in a sandbox. You happen to be mine, and I don't want you to be taken away from me in that fashion. Now if I drive you out of here, that's fine, but to have others come along here, who don't even know what you're doing? And maybe you deserve to be kicked out, but they don't know that. They're not kicking you out because they know anything about you, or that you're not doing the job you're supposed to do, if that happens to be true. They don't know that at all. That's why what they did is so asinine. But they don't have the best example, by looking at the way we do things in the Legislature. I stay here. I continue to labor, because this happens to be the cauldron in which we cook legislation. Nothing is going to be easy under these circumstances. Even things that...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that people think in advance will be noncontroversial turn out to have demonstrated to them that they miscalculated. On this floor, in this Legislature, you have to be prepared for anything and everything. You must be physically strong, mentally tough, and try to stay mentally alert. However much we have to work on the floor, we should always remain engaged. That's how you fight off dementia and Alzheimer's--keep your brain active. And maybe somebody would say there's no proof of that. Maybe not, but I don't think keeping your brain active can hurt you. It might put you out of favor with others who want to take the path of least resistance,