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CLERK: Mr. President, LB 57 has been discussed by the Legislature on January 12, 13, and again yesterday. When the Legislature left the issue, Senator Chambers had pending a motion to reconsider the vote taken on his FA200. That motion is currently pending, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will now continue where we left off, as stated by the Clerk. Discussion of the reconsider motion of FA200. Senator Chambers, you're recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we're plodding our way right to a showdown on cloture, which I think we might can get to today. But what I want my colleagues to remember is that we're in half-day sessions. If I can take a bill each day and carry it over to the next day, I will eat up a lot of time. And when you all want to bring these school measures, tax cut measures, the budget, and anything else, I'm going to be in your way, not as a speed bump, but as a barrier. I have to mention one thing, though. If you look on your agenda, you'll see that a gaggle... "gaggle" is a term used to designate a group of geese. A gaggle of legislative resolutions eligible for adoption pursuant to Rule 4, Section 5(b) is back on the agenda. I had pledged to discuss every resolution, every bill, every motion, every proposal. Why then would these resolutions be on the agenda subject to passage without any debate? Well, you all have a Speaker who will communicate, who will negotiate, and he and I met yesterday, and he, quote, negotiated, unquote, not with, but on me, upon me. Your Speaker negotiated upon me, and I agreed to back away from requiring that every one of these types of resolutions be debated. So that particular aspect of the agenda will go forth as it always has, and you can thank your Speaker for it. But that's the only thing he was able to push me away from. I'll tell you one of the things that I was going to talk about when we did debate these resolutions. I was going to ask of everybody who introduced one to tell me the names of the players or the names of the individuals being congratulated, what their record was, and why you all are so willing to divide the world of youngsters into winners and