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state. The coercive power of the state is behind these pronouncements, and they will punish, one way or the other, take people's property, take people's freedom, if a person violates. So we ought to proceed with care and caution as we make laws, and that's what I'm going to do. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: (Microphone malfunction)...Senator Chambers. Your light is next, Senator, if you wish to continue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I do.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may do so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Nobody compels any of us to offer a bill. If we offer it, we ought to respect what we're doing enough to read it, to understand it, and if we misread or miss something through inadvertence, we might should go back and consider it again, so that we can show, by the way we handle the raw material of our job, that it is something that involves dignity, responsibility, authority, and setting an example. But if we don't respect what we do, why should anybody else? You know why they can joke about the Legislature? They can read what legislators have put on the statute books or in the statute books. In the olden days people could get into this body, and they can still do it today, who could not read! So bills had to be read aloud so that they would know what is in those bills. I presume that everybody on this floor can read, and when I say read, I don't mean just let your eyes pass over the words, but there is a comprehension of what those words are conveying. This is not my Legislature. I read your history, and it is a slap in the face to me all the time, because I read what you all said this country should be about. I read what you all say making laws is about. You all set the standard; you all make the rules, and you don't care. You defile your constitution. You don't even read what you get the others to vote for, and I cannot find the time to read every page of every bill that comes before us. I should not even be the one talking like this, and I shouldn't be offering amendments. I should be just standing here ridiculing and mocking and taunting and laughing, and showing how incompetent the master race is. Oh, and I read those books that tell me how superior you are and how inferior I