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SENATOR CUDABACK: Whatever you wish.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'll accept it from you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, there are no further lights on, so I will recognize you to close on FA402.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me see if I can light us up a little bit then, because I may just withdraw this amendment and we'll stay on this bill. We'll stay on this bill and stay on this bill. I don't have to be collegial. I'm not required to do that. And when people are going to dig their heels in, I will show them I can dig mine in better than they can dig theirs in. So what I'm going to do, Mr. President, and to the Department of Agriculture, I'm not going to take a vote on this amendment. I'm going to stay on this bill. And the only way I'll get off is if Senator Kremer offers this amendment. And if he offers it, I might support him, and then I might not. When we started on this bill this morning, I was of a mind to work with the sponsor of the bill, work with whomever he is working with, whispering in his ear. But I'm not going to let anybody dictate to me what I ought to do as a member of this Legislature, and no staff member is going to overrule my judgment, when I can read English and he cannot. And you all need to know that. I'm not like the rest of you. I'm not going to try to go along to get along and grin when nothing is funny and play like everything is all right. No more letting bills go to Select File and we work it out there, because you know who's going to do the work? I am, and it's not my bill. And I do have motions I can put on this bill to hold it. I'm not going to say "by God," because I don't want to offend any of you "Chrishians" and others who pretend to believe that. I will say what Andrew Jackson used to like to say: by the Eternal. I will hold this bill. And it should be easy for him to get 33 votes for something like this. But you all are going to give me some time, and I'll take it, and I'll talk about some of the problems we have on the floor of this Legislature, and when it comes to the way we're supposed to do our work and we don't do it, and we let other people outside this body tell us what we ought to do. We know what the meaning of "may" is, and we know what the meaning of "shall" is, and why do we need somebody out there to tell us? Because we have no