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backbone or principle to join me, even when some of my colleagues agree with what it is that I'm doing when I take a stand, and they're glad that I will take it. But they don't have the stomach for it. In 1999 while in the House, Coburn offered 115 anti-pork amendments to an agricultural bill, effectively a filibuster in a chamber that does not allow filibusters. Collaborating with Coburn makes McCain, the Senate's dropout from anger management school, look saccharine. When Coburn disparaged an earmark for Seattle, \$500,000 for a sculpture garden, Senator Patty Murray, Democrat from Washington, was scandalized: "We are not going to watch the Senator pick out one project and make it into a whipping boy." She invoked the code of comity: "I hope we do not go down the road, deciding we know better than home state senators about the merits of the projects they bring to us." So why should Senator Chambers think or presume to talk about what some senator from another district brings, because only that senator knows what's best? No, I trust my judgment, and I don't care who brings it or from what district, or for what special interest group. I'm going to deal with it in the way that I think I should. Continuing: And she warned of Armageddon. "I tell my colleagues if we start cutting funding for individual projects, your project may be next." But Coburn, who does not do earmarks, thinks Armageddon sounds like fun. That's what I think when my colleagues get ugly faces and tell me what they're going to do to me. I say, bring it on. But unlike George Bush, I'm not going to send other people out there to fight for me, and I'm not going to tuck tail and run. I will be here. And we're going farther into the session. Young Senator Bourne said I would be worn out by now; I would be tired, but I'm not. In view of the fact that the last three or four paragraphs are of consequence, I'm going to wait until a more appropriate opportunity to finish this column. But I'm not going to give any time back to the Chair, as my colleagues say. I don't even know where you all got that from. What do you mean, I'm going to yield time back to the Chair? Were you watching something on television? You just say, I'm through. If you yield all that time back to the Chair, how much time does the Chair have that it can use? Yield the time to me. I will spend it. I'll make use of it now, while it has some value. When have you ever seen anybody in the chair say, I'm going to dip into that bank of