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SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Chambers. I would like to comment, when he did mention the famous magician, I was thinking of the greatest one of all time, Harry Houdini, who did take his name from a French magician named Robert-Houdin, who was popular during the 1840s and 50s. I would like to address the underlying bill. I didn't vote for the Chambers' floor amendments. I'm just...I'm more interested in the bill itself, and no offense there to Senator Chambers, but I really believe that we are focused on the avian flu and the possibility of pandemics. I do have more information that I think would be helpful to those...possibly the public that's watching on TV, other people that are maybe listening in the building. These are things that we can do right now to help prevent the spread of the types of influenza that if cohabitating in the same human body with an avian-type virus, can transmutate. And that's how we're going to get the crossover to humans. What can my family do to prepare for a possible influenza pandemic? One of the most important protective steps against a possible influenza pandemic is avoiding infection. For the most part, ordinary measures such as hand hygiene, remaining several feet away from people who show symptoms of respiratory illness, like coughing and sneezing, could be useful protection strategies. I know I think of myself, walking around the Capitol with your hand on the bannisters up and down, using public pay phones, doorknobs, certainly, are infectious...sources of infection, and just being very careful and aware of hygiene; proper hand washing, using hand sanitizer, which now we're seeing, you know, a lot of people have that laying around. That's very important. What can businesses do to help prepare for a possible influenza pandemic? Businesses should stay informed about the potential for an influenza pandemic. They should develop or update emergency plans and consider in advance the challenges they could face if an influenza pandemic occurred. Businesses should identify their essential functions and personnel needed to keep their businesses operating and should work with medical advisors on ways to protect employees. And I am a certified occupational health nurse specialist, and one of the things that we do is we monitor disease trends. We do surveillance and certainly we are very keyed in on disease prevention, the most important. What