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have been. Some people think if they holler out no that that makes me angry. That delights me. And I'm going to continue down the path I have chosen. I want the rest of you on this floor to understand that there are dynamics at play in this Legislature, and you all don't really figure into those. You are just the jetsam and flotsam, that's all you are. Senator Schrock is the heavy in this one. Whatever Senator Schrock says, as far as something that might be agreed to between him and me, is what will be done, not what you all think, not what you all feel, because you're not even thinking about this anyway. I have taken so much control over your mind that you don't hear anything. But you will hear if and when Senator Schrock speaks. And Senator Schrock will speak, if he determines it's appropriate, after Senator Schrock and I have had a discussion. I know what the reality is, and you all don't. You get mad for a moment. That's as far as you can think. Your vision is narrow. But I know better, and I look beyond that, and I transcend it. That's why a lot of people at the state level could never operate on the international scene, because they are too small-minded, they react too emotionally, they do not understand the issues, they cannot focus their attention on what the objective is, and you can run them off any direction you want to by pushing their button and making them angry. They fly off the handle and fly off in every direction, then later on they're filled with regret and embarrassment and wish they could take back what they said because they violated the first principle of negotiating or being an ambassador: Think before you speak. If you're in a swamp, make certain that the piece of ground upon which you will rest your foot can support the weight of your body. In other words, don't step off into some quicksand. But you all can be led right into it, and you always rise and take the bait. And I will bait the hook and catch you every time, because I know you. There's Senator Burling voting no against me. Senator Burling. And I rescued his bill the other day. I rescue these senators who don't understand the system from their colleagues who would sink them in their bill. I rescue them. Then he votes no. (Laugh) That's what I'm dealing with. Then there's Senator Schrock, who cannot give me an answer as to what his position is going to be on another bill. What does he need to know, if he knows that I'm against that bill? What more is there that he would need to