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I'm going after something of theirs, they don't like my best. But when my best is bent to something that they like, then they think it's the greatest thing in the world. I had discussed with Senator Beutler earlier in the session this bill that we're talking about now. I did not oppose his suspension of the germaneness rule so that he could gut another bill and substitute his proposal that we're looking at now for the original contents of that bill. I did not attempt to delay this bill and hold it up on General File. It was one of those bills with which I did not agree, but it was not one of those where I just dig in my heels and say I will do everything I can to stop it, everything under the rules. Circumstances change. And Senator Beutler, on this bill, is like I am on some issues--all or nothing. He's insisting on all, but he's prepared to accept nothing in his final 20 days in the Legislature, and I'm willing to oblige him. So I'm going to explain, in the way that the Speaker does when he's scheduling for the session. I take things a minute at a time, minute by minute, actually, second by second. We can only live and function in the present. Anything can be endured for a second. So when you string a bunch of seconds together, then you have time moving and progressing. Time does not stand still, although sometimes here it may appear to. And I've stated that I like the Legislature to be in session, because time crawls, and when it crawls like that and you're at my age and stage in life, it makes you feel like you're living longer. So these 20 days may be painful for you all, but they're going to be very healthful and beneficial for me. Senator Beutler's happens to be the first issue, but there will be others. His is one that I've discussed before, and I intend to discuss it some more. He does not want the deal that I offered him. He probably thinks I'm recalcitrant. I think not only is he recalcitrant,...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...but he is not even a pragmatist. He and others on different occasions have talked about the need to compromise, which means you don't get everything you want, but at the same time, the other person does not get everything he or she wants. So rather than being located at "A" on one end and "Z" on the other, you meet at "M" in the middle. Senator