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Senator Beutler's amendment is attached to a bill which perhaps Senator Friend is interested in salvaging or perhaps not. He had made a comment to the effect the other day that he would just as soon the bill die here. It would be regrettable if the entire bill had to die on behalf of Lincoln. I am going to offer other motions on this bill, and if I am unsuccessful and if cloture is successfully invoked, then it's just another one of those items which is going to strengthen my resolve to pay much more attention to various proposals that come before us. Today I showed restraint. There has been more movement of legislation today than there has been probably on any other single day during the session, so I've tried to reach out to my colleagues. I've held out, Senator Bourne, an olive branch, and what do I get in return? The back of the hand. So in order that people don't misunderstand what we're about, this bill represents the end of the line as far as my being accommodating. It is not just Senator Flood...Friend's bill. It really is in the hands of Senator Beutler. If he is of the opinion that this bill can withstand my opposition...and it may be able to do so. After all, I see Senator Loudon kind of smiling with a mischievous smile. I have never seen him look so youthful since he's been here. I don't know what he's got up his sleeve. You all can endure whatever I put on you for 19 days. So if I do what I'm going to do every day, you can stand it for 19 days. Do you know how many late nights that the Speaker has been able to put together? Maybe ten at the most, ten late nights. I told him, I wish we could stay late every night so I could wear you all out, show you that I will wear you out. And while you're sitting back there, distracted by what I'm talking about in my left hand, time passes. Then you'll hear me give my version of (singing) time is on my side, yes, it is. This bill may as well be the starting point. So my motion is to indefinitely postpone the bill, and if that motion is unsuccessful, I have other motions that I will put on the desk. But if, and it's a big if, Section 1 could be stricken from this bill, I would leave the rest of it alone. So before I offer other motions, I'm going to put one up there to strike Section 1 from the bill and, Madam President, thank you very much.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Friend, you are next in line to speak.