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know how things are done, should I adopt a different course? I'm going to be like the Colorado River, just a steady flowing. It's not going to be like that incessant pounding. This is not a bill that necessitates that approach. But I'm going to go on and on, and it's just a long evening that we have, where perhaps nothing of consequence is accomplished as far as the Speaker and other people may be concerned. But to analogize to a boxing match, you don't have to knock somebody out to win the match. You can win with jabs. You don't have to draw blood, you don't have to make a bruise. You just hit that person more times than that person hits you. You don't even have to hit the person hard, and if you hit the person moderately hard, you wear that person down. Then pretty soon they are gone, and that's what will happen. Pretty soon nobody will be here except moi. And if the point is ever reached where we don't have a quorum, then the whole thing is over anyway. I'm not through, Mr. President, I'm just having dramatic pauses, giving things the chance to sink in and soak in. If I were in Senator Beutler's position and I were me, what would I do? If I were in Senator Beutler's position and I were Senator Beutler, I would do exactly what Senator Beutler is doing. But I'm not going to tell you what I would do. We'll have to wait and see if I'm ever put in such a situation, then we'll know. I see the chairperson of the Appropriations Committee making his way to his abode. I'd like to ask him a question. Mr. President, I'd like to ask Senator Don Pederson a question, if he would yield.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator...would you yield, Senator Pederson?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes, I will. Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Pederson, why did the Legislature decide to make one lump-sum payment to settle that low-level nuclear waste dispute, instead of making periodic payments over a period of time?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Well, number one, we had the money at the time, and we felt that if we didn't spend it then, somebody may decide that there were some other purposes for the money that was still on hand, so we felt that we should spend it at that particular time. We weren't going to gain anything in the way