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SENATOR FRIEND: If the removal of FA605 is a lifeboat, then...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...a lifeboat is available. Get rid of the Jonah and the ship will be saved, as it was in the Old Testament.

SENATOR FRIEND: But I...but Senator Chambers, I believe that I have 48...I have a crew of 48 who...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You mean 47.

SENATOR FRIEND: Forty-eight. (Laugh) I have a crew of another 47 at this very moment that would say, for this bill, yeah. There's not enough lifeboats to go around, and this might not be the type of lifeboat that we're going to be able to fit into, anyway.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then why...

SENATOR FRIEND: Maybe I'm guessing, and making some assumptions, but (inaudible).

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So why don't...see, it makes you and these other senators some difference about how the time is spent. It makes me no difference.

SENATOR FRIEND: No, I know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that's the difference between me and the rest of you. I don't care. I'm going to be here doing something, and as I said, I may as well do this, and it sends a message to those forces in Lincoln and the people around here, that if they're willing to let Lincoln draw them into the maelstrom, so be it. I don't care, and I'm enjoying this. What is your position on this Section 1? Do you think it should be removed from the bill?

SENATOR FRIEND: No, I don't.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You think the whole bill should die, correct?