TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE Transcriber's Office FLOOR DEBATE

March 13, 2006 LB 1175

SENATOR CUDABACK: Correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And this one I think I'll take to a vote, so that I can reconsider it. But I intend to go on and on and on. And you'll notice, Senator Friend, I have not asked Senator Beutler any questions. He wants to lay low. I'm going to let him lay low. He doesn't feel good about this. This is Data talking, speaking. I couldn't feel good about taking down the bill of my friends. I could feel good about taking down the bill of some of your friends back there in the peanut gallery. I feel very good about that. I had read in the paper about all the issues that some reporters and editors think are important for the Legislature to cover, and they are lamenting the passage of time. All of that can be taken care of. Just give me my way Give me my way today, and be rid of me. Pay me now or pay me later. That's all that has to be done. But what everybody is doing is listening to people outside the Legislature who are telling them how to do things in the Legislature, because they're not here. After telling these members what they ought to do, they go on about their business. They might go to the show, they might go to eat something, they might go home and watch television, or just go home and sleep. And you all are still here, fiddling around, trying to put me in my place. And Senator Beutler...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...knows that this Section 1 ought to be removed from this bill. He knows that that's what he ought to do. But he can't now. He has taken a step which he cannot retrace, and it's sometimes why people ought not put themselves in a corner from which they cannot emerge. And when things are done on the spur of the moment, without thought, that's the kind of position a person gets into. Then foolish pride intervenes and the person cannot correct an error, and that I understand. But we're going to be on this bill until we end the day, or until Senator Friend invokes cloture. He's the only one who can. It's his bill. I don't know whether he needs to get...I'd like to ask Senator Friend a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Friend?