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should not occur. The Legislature is far from ideal. Go down through the years and see who were committee chairmen. You'll find bubblehead, dunderheads, dumbbells, those who had never even served on the committee before and they are going to talk now about expertise and ability, nonsense. The situation is so fluid now, and maybe it is best, that it doesn't matter what you know, what you don't know, how short or long a time you've been here. It depends on who you know and who you are willing to ally yourself with. I don't know what poor Cal did, a man of integrity and dedication, to cause himself to be ambushed at the pass and cut off at the knees, as he was. But you know what it shows, that everybody is not heavy-handed when they initially approach you as the Mafia, they don't come with a chain saw, but they accomplish the same thing when they have you isolated and they have their dogs lined up, the little variety, not the Dobermans and the Pit Bulls that will come to you face-to-face, but those that will collect together in little packs, yap at your heels and nip you when you are not looking. This is what we are dealing with in the Legislature. This is what needs to be discussed out here in the open because it certainly is the type of thing that determines what goes on behind closed doors and results in the travesty that occurred yesterday. I want you to judge the ability of those who were chosen and see if that is the basis on which chairmanships are given, and if it is then you have to account for why somebody of my proven ability was dealt with in such an insulting, demeaning, heartless fashion as yesterday. But I've been here 14 years. We get strong by doing difficult things. Nature equips her children to survive in a hostile environment...

PRESIDENT: Your time is expired, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...but I haven't, unfortunately in the minds of some, and and I will speak again.

PRESIDENT: Amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would move to amend Senator Abboud's proposed change by adding the following language, " , and all chairmanships shall be determined on the basis of seniority." (See page 92 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.