

I am not crazy, not that crazy. But I do intend to try to beat this thing into the ground. Senator Wesely is right and so is everybody else who mentioned there are seven days and a lot of bills, but they are as much my seven days as any individual's in here. There are 49 individuals in here, including myself. No one of those individuals is any more than I am, has no more right to use the seven days as he or she desires than I have and I choose to make this use of the seven days. Now you all are the ones who brought this bill back and you all are the ones who put that amendment on it. You all are the ones who readvanced it and you think I am going to swallow spit and take it? No. Do I think you are going to swallow spit and take what I am doing? I don't have any way of knowing. And you might ultimately win. You...Ak-Sar-Ben might ultimately win, but it is not going to be that easy for them. And they are going to find out there is somebody on this floor who is not going to buckle, who is not going to fold and who is not going to stop fighting the issue. It would be inconsistent for people to stand on this floor and say they know how strongly I feel on this issue, then expect me not to fight it. How hard did people fight 662? Think about Senator Lamb on the one side. Think about Senator Vickers on the other side. And they both...they each did everything in their power to see that their position prevailed. So what I am doing is what the legislators customarily do, but the difference between me and the rest is that the issues they take usually will give them a lot of company. And when people have a lot of company along with them, the issue that they are espousing takes on a different significance. It appears to be something else than the issue espoused and fought for by one individual or a few. But there are others of you who feel just as I feel, but you are not going to say anything and you don't have to say anything because you know that I will. That is a disadvantage I have on this floor. People who agree with positions that I take, or I agree with the position they take, or we agree with each other, know that they can lay back in the bushes and I will take the heat because I will speak based on what I believe. When I come back after an absence, people will tell me, I wish you would have been here because you would have said this or that. They have a mouth. They have a tongue. They have vocal chords. They have lungs. They have a brain. They can put together thoughts and articulate them, but they really don't have to in the same way that a person who hires a lawyer need never open his or her mouth once court proceedings