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I talked to Ed Furtek about cosponsors - Glenn doesn't do much - nobody pays attention to resolutions--he doesn't sponsor much legislation because of Committee's he's on. Foreign Relations, Government Affairs, Aging--he thinks cosponsorships "mean something" and could be found in the record. They are getting enormous pressure from the auto workers to cosponsor a "local content" bill i.e., 90% of all cars must be made in USA. It's a bad bill but they are giving Glenn a hard time "demanding" that he go on it - So he may do it to get them off his back. He says Glenn is wary of cosponsoring early because several times the bill got changed in committee and he found himself committed to a bill he didn't like. Knox Walkup said that Pryor didn't like to commit early because he found he made enemies early--on bills that weren't going anywhere. An unnecessary borrowing of trouble. So early commitment hurts in a couple of ways.