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PRESIDENT FOLEY PRESIDING

PRESIDENT FOLEY: GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. WELCOME TO THE GEORGE W. NORRIS LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER FOR THE TWELFTH DAY OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION. OUR CHAPLAIN FOR THE DAY IS SENATOR WATERMEIER. PLEASE RISE.

SENATOR WATERMEIER: (PRAYER OFFERED.)

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR WATERMEIER. I CALL TO ORDER THE TWELFTH DAY OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION. SENATORS, PLEASE RECORD YOUR PRESENCE. ROLL CALL. MR. CLERK, PLEASE RECORD.

ASSISTANT CLERK: THERE'S A QUORUM PRESENT, MR. PRESIDENT.

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. ARE THERE ANY CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL?

ASSISTANT CLERK: I HAVE NO CORRECTIONS THIS MORNING.

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. ARE THERE ANY MESSAGES, REPORTS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS?

ASSISTANT CLERK: THERE ARE. I HAVE A REFERENCE REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD; A NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING BY THE AG COMMITTEE; AN APPOINTMENT LETTER OF RANDALL REHMEIER TO THE BOARD OF PAROLE; CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT FROM SENATOR NORDQUIST--THAT WILL BE ON FILE IN OUR OFFICE--A LIST OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK; AND THE REPORTS THAT HAVE BEEN FILED ELECTRONICALLY WITH THE LEGISLATURE, AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR WEB SITE. IN ADDITION TO THAT, MR. PRESIDENT, SENATOR JOHNSON WOULD ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO ALLOW THE AG COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT ITS HEARING ON FEBRUARY 10 IN ROOM 1524. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGES 287-293.)

PRESIDENT FOLEY: WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

ASSISTANT CLERK: AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE AT THIS TIME.

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PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. (DOCTOR OF THE DAY INTRODUCED.) WE NOW MOVE TO THE FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA, A MOTION TO WITHDRAW LB201. SENATOR DAVIS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB201]

ASSISTANT CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, SENATOR DAVIS... [LB201]

SENATOR DAVIS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE UNICAMERAL. GOOD MORNING, NEBRASKA. I COME TODAY TO ASK YOU TO WITHDRAW LB201 AND RETURN IT TO MY OFFICE. [LB201]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB201]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, I COME BEFORE YOU TODAY WITH GREAT TREPIDATION. I HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO DO SOMETHING WHICH IS NOT PLEASANT, BUT I TAKE IT AS A PART OF MY DUTY, MY RESPONSIBILITY AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL AND AS A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE. WE ARE GOVERNED BY RULES, BUT ABOVE THOSE RULES AND WHEREVER YOU HAVE A PARLIAMENTARY-TYPE SYSTEM OR LEGISLATIVE SYSTEM LIKE THIS OR SIMILAR TO IT, THE CONSTITUTION TAKES PRIORITY; STATUTES BELOW THAT; THEN, WHEN IT COMES TO THE BODY, THE RULES. AND IF THERE'S NO SPECIFIC RULE THEN THERE IS RESORT TO CUSTOM, USAGE, AND TRADITION. WHEN YOU HAVE NEW PEOPLE COMING INTO A BODY AND THEY THINK THEY KNOW EVERYTHING BECAUSE THEY GOT ELECTED, THEY WILL SAY, WELL, I DON'T SEE WHY TRADITION SHOULD MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE, I DON'T SEE WHY CUSTOM OR USAGE SHOULD MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE, MY OPINION IS DIFFERENT AND IT OUGHT TO BE WHAT MY OPINION IS. AND BESIDES THAT, THEY CAN ROUND UP ENOUGH VOTES, WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE REFERENCE COMMITTEE, TO GET PEOPLE TO AGREE WITH THEM. NOW, MAYBE A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THIS BODY WILL GO ALONG WITH THAT TYPE OF SUBVERSION, BUT I WILL NOT. I FIND IT TO BE VERY DISTURBING WHEN YOU HAVE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS WHO OUGHT TO RESPECT THE RULES, THE TRADITIONS, THE PRACTICES, THE USAGES, PARTICIPATING IN THE SUBVERSION OF THE TRADITIONS AND PRACTICES AND USAGES OF THE LEGISLATURE. THERE HAVE BEEN HIGHLY POLITICIZED MISREFERRAL OF BILLS, SOME ORCHESTRATED THROUGH THE MACHINATIONS--SOME PEOPLE SAY "MACKINATIONS" (PHONETICALLY)--INVOLVING COMMITTEE CHAIRS. THEY GET TOGETHER AND HAVE ENOUGH VOTES TO MISREFER A BILL. AND I HAVE FRANKLY ACKNOWLEDGED, AS A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, THAT WITH FIVE VOTES THEY CAN DO ANYTHING THEY WANT TO. THEY CAN EVEN VOTE TO SAY THAT IGNORANCE PREVAILS. AND FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME WHERE THAT VOTE CONTROLS, THAT'S THE WAY IT WILL BE. BUT I HAVE REMINDED

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THEM THAT IN THE COMMITTEE WHAT I CAN DO IS LIMITED. WHEN WE GET TO THE FLOOR, IT'S A DIFFERENT MATTER. AND WE'RE NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT THE TIME DURING WHICH A COMMITTEE MEETS; WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A 90-DAY LEGISLATIVE SESSION. AND I DO NOT WEAR DOWN. I WILL NOT BE BOUGHT OFF. I WILL NOT BE FRIGHTENED OFF. I WILL NOT BE NEGOTIATED WITH WHEN I AM CONVINCED THAT THINGS OUGHT TO BE DONE A CERTAIN WAY AND THEY'RE NOT BEING DONE THAT WAY. SO IN THE SAME WAY THAT THESE COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THESE LITTLE CLIQUES, C-L-I-Q-U-E-S, AND CLAQUES, C-L-A-Q-U-E-S, CAN GET TOGETHER TO DO THEIR DAMAGE IN SUBVERTING, I'M GOING TO DO WHAT I THINK NEEDS TO BE DONE. AND I WILL STAND 1 AGAINST 48 IF NECESSARY. [LB201]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE, SENATOR. [LB201]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THE TRADITIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE ARE IMPORTANT TO ME. THE LEGISLATURE AS AN INSTITUTION IS IMPORTANT TO ME. THOSE ARE TWO STRANGE THINGS FOR A BLACK PERSON IN AMERICA TO SAY. BUT I AM A MEMBER OF THIS BODY. NOBODY PUT A GUN TO MY HEAD AND COMPELLED ME TO BE A MEMBER. I CHOSE TO DO SO. AND SINCE I AM A MEMBER, I'M GOING TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO SEE THAT THIS LEGISLATURE BEHAVES IN THE WAY A LEGISLATURE SHOULD. NOW, I VOTED AGAINST THE RULES WHEN THEY WERE ADOPTED. THERE ARE SOME WHO VOTED FOR THE RULES BUT THEY DISREGARD THEM, AND THAT'S WHAT I TALKED ABOUT THE FIRST DAY. AS FAR AS THINGS THAT I SAY, I LIKE TO HAVE DOCUMENTATION. WHY AM I TALKING LIKE THIS ON A MOTION... [LB201]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: TIME, SENATOR, BUT YOU ARE NEXT IN THE QUEUE. [LB201]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU...ON A MOTION MADE BY A FELLOW MEMBER TO WITHDRAW A BILL? BECAUSE THE ISSUE RELATES TO A MATTER OF THE RULE IMPLEMENTATION THAT ALLOWS SUCH A MOTION AND A VOTE IS TAKEN ON IT. DOES SOMEBODY AGREE WITH THAT RULE? DOES SOMEBODY DISAGREE? WHEN A SUBJECT OF THAT KIND IS BROUGHT FORTH, DISCUSSION OF THE KIND THAT I'M ENGAGING IN IS APPROPRIATE AND IT'S RELEVANT. THERE IS A VALUE TO HAVING A RULE SUCH AS THAT. BUT, STILL, A VOTE MUST BE TAKEN. WHY? SHOULDN'T THE BILL BELONG EXCLUSIVELY TO THE ONE WHO INTRODUCED IT? NOT REALLY, BECAUSE ONCE IT IS INTRODUCED IT BECOMES THE "PROPERTY," AND I PUT THAT IN QUOTES, OF THE LEGISLATURE. AND CERTAIN FORMAL ACTIONS REQUIRE A VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTED MEMBERS, WHICH COMPRISES 25 OF US. SO THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE ABLE TO GET VOTES TO DO THINGS THAT ARE INAPPROPRIATE, THAT ARE OUTSIDE THE RULES. BUT IF THEY CAN GET

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THE VOTES, THEY CAN DO ANYTHING THEY WANT TO. AND SOME OF THESE WET-BEHIND-THE-EAR NEW CHAIRPERSONS, WHO ARE NOT ACCUSTOMED TO EXERCISING AUTHORITY, MAY NOT HAVE LISTENED TO WHAT MY SEATMATE, "PROFESSOR" SCHUMACHER, POINTED OUT THE FIRST DAY WHEN WE WERE ELECTING THESE PEOPLE. DON'T GET THE IDEA THAT THESE CHAIRMANSHIPS ARE ANYTHING POWERFUL. THAT'S NOT WHAT THEY ARE. BUT WHEN PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING, THEY'RE NOT ACCUSTOMED TO ANYTHING, THEY THINK THEY'RE MORE THAN WHAT THEY ARE, AND THEY THINK THEY KNOW MORE THAN WHAT THEY DO. BUT I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU HOW MUCH I RESPECT EVEN THEM, NOT EVERYTHING THEY DO, BUT YOU PRESUME THAT THEY KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THEIR COMMITTEE. SO I'M GOING TO LET THESE NEWLY MINTED CHAIRPERSONS, WITH ALL THIS SELF-ACCLAIMED KNOWLEDGE, BECOME MY MENTOR. AND I'M GOING TO BECOME THE MENTEE. I'M GOING TO ALLOW THEM, FROM THEIR VAST STOREHOUSE OF KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE, AND UNDERSTANDING, TO HELP ME BY IMPROVING MY EDUCATION BY MEANS OF ANSWERING NUMEROUS QUESTIONS I WILL ASK THEM ABOUT EVERY BILL THAT COMES FROM THEIR COMMITTEE, SINCE THEY UNDERSTAND THEM AND IN ORDER THAT I MIGHT ADEQUATELY UNDERSTAND THEM. AND THEY'LL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, IN A PROPER SETTING, TO DISPLAY THEIR GREAT WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE, AND VAST UNDERSTANDING, WHICH I ACKNOWLEDGE TODAY SURPASSES MINE. I AM NOT SO PRIDEFUL. THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRIDE AND BEING PRIDEFUL. BEING PRIDEFUL IS TO PUSH PRIDE OVER THE LINE TO THE POINT WHERE YOU WILL NOT ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRUTH, YOU WILL NOT BE SWAYED BY FACTS OR INFORMATION ONLY BECAUSE YOU WANT TO HOLD TO A POSITION THAT YOU HAD PREVIOUSLY DECLARED. THAT'S PRIDEFULNESS. MAYBE SOME OF THESE YOUNG GUYS, WET BEHIND THE EARS, CAN TEACH ME SOMETHING. AND I WILL LEARN FROM EVERYBODY. I HAVE LEARNED FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN DEAD FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS. IF I CAN LEARN FROM THE DEAD, YOU KNOW I SHOULD BE ABLE TO LEARN FROM THE LIVING IF THEY HAVE SOMETHING WORTHWHILE TO OFFER. [LB201]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB201]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ALL OF US LEARN FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAD. MOST OF THE BOOKS THAT WE VALUE WERE WRITTEN BY--AND CONTAIN INSTRUCTION--DEAD PEOPLE. SO I LEARN FROM THE DEAD. BUT I WILL NOT NECESSARILY GO ALONG WITH EVERYTHING THAT THE LIVING PRESENT. [LB201]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS, AND YOU ARE NEXT IN THE QUEUE, THE THIRD TIME. [LB201]

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. AND I'M GOING TO DO A LITTLE TEACHING OF MY OWN. SEE, WHEN THEY GET TOGETHER IN THEIR INTELLIGENCE AND SMARTNESS AND DO THINGS IN A COMMITTEE, THEY DON'T REALIZE THAT SOON AS THE SESSION OPENS, THE LEGISLATURE BELONGS TO ME OR ANY OTHER SENATOR OPERATING AS I DO UNDER THE RULES. IF YOU LOOK AT WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA, YOU WILL SEE A LIST OF BILLS CAPTIONED REVISOR BILLS OR SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT. THEY ARE REFERRED DIRECTLY TO GENERAL FILE WITHOUT A HEARING. NOW, IF YOU LOOK IN YOUR RULE BOOK, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, FOR THAT DOCUMENTATION, I'LL GIVE YOU THE PAGE AS WELL AS THE SECTION: PAGE 39, 2(B). IT HAS TO DO WITH OBJECTION TO REFERENCE OF BILLS. YOU MIGHT WANT TO READ THAT FOR YOURSELF BECAUSE THAT MAY BE INVOKED. BUT IF YOU LOOK AT PAGE 16, PAGE (SIC) 3(E), IT TALKS ABOUT WHAT I'VE BEEN DISCUSSING AND I WILL READ FROM THAT. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SHALL CONSTITUTE THE REFERENCE COMMITTEE. THE REFERENCE COMMITTEE SHALL REVIEW EACH BILL AND RESOLUTION AND EITHER REFER THE MATTER TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OR TO GENERAL FILE. THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE IS THAT COMMITTEE WHICH HAS SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OVER THE ISSUE OR WHICH HAS TRADITIONALLY HANDLED THE ISSUE. AND THESE WET-BEHIND-THE-EARS PEOPLE HAVE SAID IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT'S BEEN DONE BEFORE. AND WHEN I SEE CHAIRMEN CONSPIRING AND FINAGLING AND MANIPULATING THE RULES TO HAVE A BILL OF HIS OWN REFERRED TO HIS COMMITTEE IN A WAY THAT SHOULDN'T BE DONE UNDER THE RULES, HOW CAN I RESPECT THAT? I DON'T RESPECT IT. WHAT WERE YOU ALL, SOME OF YOU, TALKING ABOUT THE FIRST DAY--TRANSPARENCY. CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF THE PUBLIC IN PUBLIC VIEW. SO AM I SUPPOSED TO BITE MY TONGUE AND NOT SAY WHAT I THINK I OUGHT TO SAY? ACTIONS ARE COMMITTED BY PEOPLE. AND I'M GOING TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS AS LONG AS I WANT TO THIS MORNING, UNLESS YOU DECIDE TO OFFER A MOTION TO ADJOURN AND AN ADJOURNMENT MOTION DOES NOT ALLOW FOR DEBATE. AND WITH THESE BILLS, I CAN TALK ON EACH ONE UNTIL YOU DECIDE TO INVOKE CLOTURE. YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE SMART, DIDN'T YOU? YOU MOCKED. YOU SCOFFED. YOU LAUGHED. YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE POWERFUL. YOU MIGHT NOT BE SMART ENOUGH TO KNOW WHAT A PYRRHIC VICTORY IS, SO I'M GOING TO IMPROVE YOUR EDUCATION THIS MORNING. THAT RELATED TO TWO BATTLES THAT A CERTAIN KING HAD WITH ROME, AND WON BOTH OF THEM. BUT THE VICTORIES WERE SO COSTLY IN TERMS OF THE LOSSES SUFFERED THAT THE ULTIMATE WAR WAS LOST. AND THAT'S WHERE THE TERM "PYRRHIC VICTORY" CAME FROM. YOU WIN A VICTORY AND YOU LOSE THE WAR. BUT IS IT A VICTORY WHEN YOU SUCCEED IN SUBVERTING THE RULES THAT GOVERN? IT IS THE RULE, NOT ERNIE CHAMBERS,... [LB201]

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PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB201]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...THE RULE THAT I VOTE AGAINST, THAT POINTS OUT THE IMPORTANCE IN REFERENCING TO SEND A BILL OR RESOLUTION TO THE COMMITTEE WHO HAS JURISDICTION AND WHERE IT HAS TRADITIONALLY GONE. AND YOU ALL ARE GOING TO SIT HERE LIKE KNOTS ON LOGS AND LET THESE NEW PEOPLE COME HERE AND TELL YOU TRADITIONS MEAN NOTHING, BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T BEEN HERE LONG ENOUGH TO DEVELOP AN INTEREST IN OR CONCERN ABOUT OR TO SEE THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF THE LEGISLATURE AS AN INSTITUTION, RESPECTING ITS TRADITIONS. EVEN THOUGH SOME OF THEM I DON'T LIKE, I AM COMPLYING WITH THE RULES THIS MORNING THAT I VOTED AGAINST. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. BUT I WANT TO POINT OUT, I WILL VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION THAT IS BEFORE US RIGHT NOW. [LB201]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR KRIST. [LB201]

SENATOR KRIST: GOOD MORNING, MR. PRESIDENT. I YIELD MY TIME TO SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB201]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB201]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, SENATOR KRIST. AND LET ME TELL YOU WHY I HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT DO THIS. I'VE BEEN IN THIS BODY 40 YEARS. AND EVEN THESE WET-BEHIND-THE-EAR TYROS GET A LARGE EXPENSE CHECK BECAUSE OF ME. SENATORS WHO HAVE BEEN HERE LONG BEFORE ME, WHITE SENATORS WHOSE LEGISLATURE IT IS, HAD BEEN TOLD, YOU CAN'T DO THAT BECAUSE A WHITE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID THE CONSTITUTION DOESN'T ALLOW YOU TO RECEIVE EXPENSES DURING SESSION. A WHITE GOVERNOR SAID, YOU TRY TO GET IT DONE AND I'LL VETO IT. WHITE EDITORIAL WRITER SAID, THE LEGISLATURE SHOULDN'T DO THIS, THEY'RE MAKING AN END RUN AROUND THE CONSTITUTION. BUT I CAN READ AND I UNDERSTAND WHAT I READ, AND I'M NOT DETERRED BY ANY NUMBER OF PEOPLE TELLING ME THAT MY UNDERSTANDING IS INCORRECT AND THEIRS IS, BECAUSE MOST OF THEM HAVE GOTTEN WHAT THEY ARE ACTING ON FROM ONE PERSON. SO IT'S MY OPINION AGAINST THAT ONE. AND I HANDED OUT MATERIAL. A LOT THAT I HAND OUT I KNOW IS NOT GOING TO BE READ BY PEOPLE IN THIS LEGISLATURE, BUT IT'S READ BY OTHER PEOPLE INTO WHOSE POSSESSION IT FALLS. I GOT THE BILL THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE. THE GOVERNOR, TRUE TO HIS PROMISE, VETOED IT. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DID NOT WANT TO FILE A CHALLENGE. I DO THINGS STEP BY STEP. I TRY TO KEEP MY AFFAIRS IN ORDER. SO I FILED A VOUCHER

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FOR EXPENSES DURING SESSION, WHICH WAS TURNED DOWN. SO WHEN THE ISSUE ULTIMATELY WAS WON BY THE LEGISLATURE, WHICH I SAID WOULD BE THE CASE, AND FORTUNATELY, ENOUGH OF MY COLLEAGUES WANTED THAT MATTER RESOLVED, VOTED TO OVERRIDE THE GOVERNOR'S VETO, THAT BILL BECAME LAW. BUT IT WAS NOT TO BE HONORED, PURSUANT TO ORDERS FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OR WHOEVER DECIDES TO PAY US. I HAD SAID TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, IF YOU DON'T FILE A LAWSUIT CHALLENGING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THIS BILL, I'M GOING FILE A LAWSUIT SEEKING A MANDAMUS TO REQUIRE US TO BE PAID. I READ WHITE PEOPLE'S LAW. AND EVEN THOUGH THEY DON'T PRACTICE THEIR LAW WHEN IT COMES TO OUR RIGHTS AS BLACK PEOPLE, I POSITION MY ISSUES IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY AFFECT WHITE PEOPLE. SO THEY WERE RULING FOR WHITE PEOPLE, NOT ME. THEY MIGHT HAVE RESENTED THE ONE WHO BROUGHT IT, BUT THEY KNEW THAT I HAD THE LAW. AND THEY KNEW I CAN READ THE LAW AND UNDERSTAND, JUST LIKE I CAN READ YOUR RULES AND UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY SAY. MAYBE THESE NEW PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE TERM "TRADITION" MEANS. YOU RECKON THAT'S THE CASE? SO THEN MAYBE I'M THE MENTOR TODAY AND I AM IMPROVING THEIR EDUCATION BY CURING THEIR IGNORANCE AND DISRESPECT FOR THIS SYSTEM. THEY DON'T NEED TO RESPECT ME, I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF. AND THEY CAN TRY TO SHOW DISRESPECT THROUGH WORDS OR DEEDS. AND I WILL MEET THEM ON ANY PLANE, ON ANY LEVEL THEY CHOOSE. I'M A GROWN MAN. I HAVE CHILDREN. I HAVE GRANDCHILDREN. AND NEITHER MY GRANDCHILDREN NOR MY CHILDREN WANT THEIR GRANDFATHER OR FATHER, RESPECTIVELY, AS THE ROLE WOULD BE, TO BE A COWARD, AND I'M NOT. AND FOR YOU SO-CALLED CHRISTIANS, REMEMBER THAT RALPH WALDO EMERSON TOLD YOU THAT GOD DOES NOT MAKE HIS INTERESTS OR WORKS... [LB201]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB201]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...MANIFEST THROUGH COWARDS. SO WHO'S UPHOLDING THOSE THINGS? NOT ONLY THAT, SOME OF YOU HAVE SPACE. WHEN WE WERE GOING TO, AS A LEGISLATURE, BE DENIED SPACE, I OFFERED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD HAVE TAKEN THE GOVERNOR...LET THE GOVERNOR STAY THERE, BUT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, JUDGES, AND OTHERS OUT OF THIS BUILDING, SOMEWHERE ELSE. AND ALL OF A SUDDEN, LARRY BARE CAME TO ME AND SAID, CAN'T WE WORK SOMETHING OUT? I SAID, YEAH, WE NEED SOME SPACE FOR THE SENATORS, FOR YOU ALL, NOT ME--I COULD ALWAYS GET WHAT I WANTED AND NEEDED--BUT FOR YOU ALL. AND THOSE CHANGES WERE MADE. THE FURNITURE WAS TICKY-TACKY. AND BECAUSE I'M COMPLYING WITH THE RULES, I WILL NOT SPEAK BEYOND THE ALLOTTED TIME, WHICH IS FIVE MINUTES. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

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[LB201]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR KINTNER.  
[LB201]

SENATOR KINTNER: WELL, THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE TODAY TO MARK THAT YESTERDAY WAS THE 42<sup>nd</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE. AND IT WAS A 7 TO 2 COURT RULING BY 7...BY 9 MEN ON THE SUPREME COURT THAT THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY UNDER THE DUE PROCESS CLAUSE OF THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT WOULD COVER A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO HAVE AN ABORTION. NEVER MIND THAT FOR 175 YEARS BEFORE THAT NO SUPREME COURT JUSTICE, NO SUPREME COURT COULD FIND THAT RIGHT ANYWHERE IN THE CONSTITUTION, BUT THESE WISE MEN HAVE FOUND IT. THE RESULT IS 57 MILLION BABIES HAVE HAD THEIR LIFE TERMINATED IN THE WOMB. THEY'VE NEVER GOTTEN THE CHANCE TO BREATHE AIR. THEY'VE NEVER GOTTEN THE CHANCE TO BE HUGGED BY THEIR MOTHER OR THEIR FATHER. THEY'VE NEVER GOT THE CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE EVERYTHING THAT GOD GIVES US AS LIVING, BREATHING HUMAN BEINGS. I THINK THIS IS A DAY IN AMERICA, 1973, 42 YEARS AGO YESTERDAY, WHICH WILL LIVE, TO PARAPHRASE FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT, IN INFAMY. IT'S A DAY THAT WILL LIVE IN INFAMY. AND IT'S NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF. IT'S NOTHING WE LIKE TO TALK ABOUT. IT'S SOMETHING WE LIKE TO IGNORE. BUT I THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD REMEMBER. AND I WOULD CHALLENGE MY COLLEAGUES HERE TO REMEMBER THAT DAY AND REMEMBER IT AS YOU GO ABOUT YOUR LIFE. AND AS WE LEGISLATE, AS WE CREATE LAWS, LET'S KEEP IN MIND THAT LIFE IS THE VERY FIRST LIBERTY THAT ANYBODY COULD HAVE. AND IF YOU DON'T HAVE LIFE, YOU DON'T HAVE ANY OF THE OTHER LIBERTIES. SO I JUST WANTED TO BRING THAT UP, MR. PRESIDENT. I JUST WANTED TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY AND MAKE SURE IT'S IN OUR RECORD THAT WE AT LEAST ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IMPORTANT DATE IN OUR HISTORY. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB201]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR KINTNER. SENATOR SCHUMACHER.  
[LB201]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. "SOCRATES" WAS IN THE MIDST OF A VERY INSIGHTFUL LECTURE WITH VERY SALIENT POINTS. I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME TO SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB201]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB201]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, "PROFESSOR" SCHUMACHER. SENATOR KINTNER REQUIRES ME TO DIGRESS A BIT. HE MENTIONED THAT THE



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SUPREME COURT, SEVEN PEOPLE, CHANGED SOMETHING THAT HAD BEEN A CERTAIN WAY FOR A LONG TIME. HE'S RIGHT. BUT IT ONLY WOULD HAVE TAKEN FIVE. BUT HOW DID THEY DO IT? FOLLOWING THE PROCESSES, THE PROCEDURES, THE RULES THAT GOVERN JUDICIAL ACTION. WHETHER YOU LIKE THE OUTCOME OR NOT, THAT'S HOW IT WAS DONE. SO ONCE AGAIN, THE RULES CAME INTO PLAY. AND FRANKLY, I'M VERY GLAD THAT THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN WERE RESPECTED AND NOT SUBJECT TO THE WHIMS OF MAYBE A MALE-DOMINATED CHURCH OF ANY KIND WHO WANT TO TALK ABOUT LIFE WHEN IT'S A ZYGOTE, AN EMBRYO, OR A FETUS. THAT SOUNDS GOOD, DOESN'T IT, BECAUSE IT MAKES YOU LOOK GOOD WITHOUT COSTING ANYTHING. BUT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT EXPANDING THE REACH OF MEDICAID OR PROVIDING FOR THOSE CHILDREN WHO ARE IN THE WORLD, SUDDENLY EVERYTHING CHANGES, AND YOU SEE THE HYPOCRISY, THE GRANDSTANDING, AND THE SHOWBOATING, AND WHY I DON'T GIVE MUCH TRUCK TO ANY OF THAT. BUT A SENATOR HAS A RIGHT TO SPEAK ABOUT WHATEVER HE OR SHE CHOOSES. BUT WHEN YOU SPEAK, CONSIDER THAT YOU MAY BE RESPONDED TO, AS I THINK MAY HAPPEN WITH ME. BUT GETTING BACK TO WHAT I WAS SAYING, THE RULE SAYS THAT WHENEVER A BILL IS REFERRED TO GENERAL FILE DIRECTLY, ANY MEMBER MAY HAVE IT SENT TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE FOR A HEARING. I CAN TALK ON THESE BILLS AND THEN, AFTER YOU MAYBE GET CLOSE TO INVOKING CLOTURE, I CAN SAY, WELL, I WANT IT MOVED FOR A HEARING, AND YOU DON'T VOTE ON THAT, ACCORDING TO YOUR RULES--YOUR RULES, NOT MINE. BUT I CAN MAKE THEM MINE BY LEARNING THEM. WHAT I LEARN AND STORE IN MY MIND BECOMES MY POSSESSION. SO BACK TO WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT, AND I'M SAYING THIS FOR THE RECORD BECAUSE EVERYTHING WE SAY IS RECORDED, EVERYTHING IS TRANSCRIBED, AND THERE ARE PEOPLE, MANY MORE THAN SIT IN THIS CHAMBER, WHO PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT WE SAY. AND I WILL STAND BY WHAT I'M SAYING, NOT ONLY HERE BUT ANY PLACE AND AT ANY OTHER TIME. I WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW YOUR OFFICES WERE FURNISHED, EVEN AFTER YOU GOT THEM, TICKY-TACKY, MISMATCHED FURNITURE. THEY HAD METAL CHAIRS THAT WOULD FOLD, FOLDING METAL CHAIRS, FOLDING WOODEN CHAIRS, OLD SCHOOL DESKS, THOSE LIGHT-TAN-COLORED DESKS. AND IN THOSE DAYS, WOMEN WORE KNIT SKIRTS OR DRESSES EVEN. AND IF ONE OF THEM WAS UNFORTUNATE ENOUGH TO PASS WITHIN TOO CLOSE A PROXIMITY TO ONE OF THOSE DESKS, THERE COULD BE A SLIVER STICKING OUT AND CATCH THAT DRESS AND IT WOULD BEGIN TO UNRAVEL OR TEAR IF SOMEBODY DIDN'T CALL HER ATTENTION TO IT. THAT'S WHAT THE SENATORS, THE WHITE SENATORS... [LB201]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB201]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...WERE ACCEPTING, AND I COULDN'T. SO I WAS MADE

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CHAIR OF A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND NOW YOU'VE GOT FURNITURE. YOU'VE GOT DESKS, YOU'VE GOT CHAIRS, AND WE EVEN FURNISHED AND HAD RENOVATED THE HEARING ROOMS. THEY HAD MISMATCHED CHAIRS. THEY HAD SOME WHICH, IF YOU LEAN BACK IN IT, YOU'D FALL OVER ON THE FLOOR. AND THAT HAPPENED TO SOME SENATORS. AND EVEN THOUGH PEOPLE WERE TRYING TO BE RESPECTFUL, THEIR FUNNY BONE WAS TOUCHED, AND PEOPLE WOULD TRY THE BEST THEY COULD TO CONTROL THEIR LAUGHTER. SO YOU GOT SPACE. YOU GOT FURNITURE. AND THEY DIDN'T USED TO HAVE DRAPES FLANKING EACH OF THOSE WINDOWS. THEY HAD VERY THICK DRAPES TO HIDE THE FACT THAT RAIN WAS COMING DOWN THESE WALLS. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB201]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR KOLOWSKI. [LB201]

SENATOR KOLOWSKI: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. GOOD MORNING, NEBRASKA. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY HERE IN LINCOLN. I WOULD LIKE TO YIELD THE REMAINDER OF MY TIME TO SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB201]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB201]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. THANK YOU, SENATOR KOLOWSKI. WHEN IT WOULD RAIN, AND WE'D BE HERE LATE AT NIGHT WITH ME HOLDING FORTH, AS I'M DOING NOW, AND I WOULD CALL THEIR ATTENTION TO IT. I'D SAY, I'M GOING TO BE QUIET FOR A MOMENT AND LET YOU LISTEN TO THE RHYTHM OF THE FALLING RAIN. AND YOU'D HEAR THAT WATER RUNNING DOWN THE WALL AND PUDDLING ON THE FLOOR UP THERE. THAT'S WHAT WHITE PEOPLE WHO ARE MY SUPERIOR HAD ALLOWED TO BEFALL THIS BUILDING, DETERIORATING, FAILING BEFORE OUR EYES. BY THE TIME YOU ALL GOT HERE, THOSE BRICKS WERE CLEANED. BUT THEY WERE NOT CLEAN WHEN I GOT HERE. SO I TALKED ABOUT IT AND TALKED ABOUT IT AND RAILED. THEN FINALLY, PEOPLE GOT EMBARRASSED. SOME MAY HAVE THOUGHT DEEPLY ABOUT THE OBLIGATION WE HAD TO RETAIN AND MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THIS BUILDING THAT WAS PUT IN PLACE LONG BEFORE WE GOT HERE. AND WE SHOULD KEEP IT IN SHAPE TO PASS ON TO THOSE FUTURE GENERATIONS THAT SO MANY PEOPLE TALK ABOUT WHEN THEY SAY, I DON'T WANT TO PAY TAXES. BUT THEY WERE LETTING IT DETERIORATE. AND I WOULD GIVE PARAPHRASES FROM PROVERBS ABOUT HOW THE SLOTHFUL OR LAZY MAN WILL ALLOW THE HOUSE TO FALL DOWN AROUND HIS EARS. THAT'S WHAT WAS HAPPENING. LOOK UP THERE NOW. THEY DON'T HAVE DRAPES TO CONCEAL THE FACT THAT WATER FROM THE RAIN IS RUNNING DOWN THOSE WALLS, STAINING THE WALLS AND PUDDLING ON THE FLOOR. AND IF YOU DOUBT WHAT I'M SAYING, TALK TO ROBERT RIPLEY. HE

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AND I WORKED IN CLOSE ACCORD ON EVERY ISSUE THAT I MENTIONED. WE EVEN FLEW TO CHICAGO TOGETHER TO PERSONALLY LOOK AT THE TYPE OF DESKS AND FURNITURE YOU ALL WOULD GET. THAT'S WHY I'VE EARNED THE RIGHT TO SPEAK IN THE WAY I AM, ALTHOUGH YOU DON'T HAVE TO EARN IT. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GET ELECTED. BUT I'VE INVESTED TIME IN THIS PLACE. AND WHEN WE'RE NOT IN SESSION AND YOU ALL ARE OUT DOING WHAT WET-BEHIND-THE-EARS PEOPLE DO, OR TAKING CARE OF YOUR OTHER AFFAIRS, WHICH YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO DO, THEY SAY YOU'RE A CITIZEN LEGISLATURE, THAT YOU ARE CITIZEN LEGISLATORS. YOU'RE PART-TIMERS. I'M HERE ALL THE TIME. YOUR EMPLOYEES CAN TELL YOU, AND YOUR STAFF, THAT THEY SEE ME AROUND HERE WHEN NOBODY ELSE IS. AND I'M HERE WORKING. EVEN ON SOME OF YOUR MOST RESPECTED HOLIDAYS I'M HERE WORKING, NOT BECAUSE ANYBODY MAKES ME. BUT WHAT I AM AND WHAT I BELIEVE AND THE WAY I VIEW MY RESPONSIBILITY ARE THE THINGS THAT COMPEL ME TO DO AS I DO, AND THOSE ARE THE FORCES THAT ARE MOVING ME TODAY AND WILL MOVE ME EVERY DAY THE REST OF THIS SESSION. AND IF I HAVE TO TAKE OVER EVERY DAY OF THE REMAINING SESSION, I WILL DO IT. DOES THAT MEAN I WILL TALK ALL DAY AND RUIN EVERY DAY, RUIN EVERYBODY'S LUNCH, INCLUDING WHEN YOU ALL HAVE THE LOBBYISTS FEED YOU LIKE SO MANY HOGS? "CAPTAIN HUNGRY," "LIEUTENANT LUNCH-HUNTER," ALIAS NEBRASKA STATE SENATOR, YOU OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF, TAKING A HANDOUT FROM THE LOBBYISTS. AND I'M THE ONE THAT THE WHITE PEOPLE WANTED OUT OF OFFICE SO BADLY THEY INVOKED TERM LIMITS AND GUTTED THIS BODY. AND I WAS EVERYTHING THEY SAID THEY WANTED IN A REPRESENTATIVE, ONE WHO SPOKE THE TRUTH AS HE OR SHE SAW IT AND UNDERSTOOD IT,... [LB201]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB201]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...ONE WHO IS NOT BEHOLDEN TO LOBBYISTS, WHO DON'T EAT, WHO WON'T EAT AT THEIR TABLE. THAT'S ME. BUT I'M NOT DOING IT FOR ANYBODY ELSE. I'M DOING IT FOR ME. AND IN A SENSE, THAT'S WHY I'M DOING WHAT I'M DOING TODAY. MY CONSCIENCE WOULD NOT LET ME REST IF I WATCHED THE SUBVERSION OF THE RULES AND THE INTEGRITY OF THIS SYSTEM THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON. AND I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE RICKETTS' "CRICKETS." BUT I HAVE SOMETHING FOR ALL OF THEM. THAT'S ALL THE TIME I HAVE RIGHT NOW. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB201]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR KRIST. [LB201]

SENATOR KRIST: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. AND GOOD MORNING, COLLEAGUES, AND GOOD MORNING, NEBRASKA. I'VE BEEN ASKED BY

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SEVERAL OF YOU WHAT SENATOR CHAMBERS' FLASH POINT WAS TO CAUSE HIM TO REMIND US OF THE RULES. SO FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE NOT ON REFERENCING, I PASSED OUT SOMETHING CALLED THE NEBRASKA LEGISLATOR'S GUIDE. IT HAS BEEN A STANDING TRADITION IN THIS BODY TO REFERENCE BILLS TO STANDING COMMITTEES USING THIS GUIDE. THIS GUIDE WAS DEVELOPED, AS YOU CAN SEE AT THE END, BY A LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH REPORT, NUMBER 89-25, SEPTEMBER OF 1989. AND IT HAS SERVED THIS BODY WELL IN THE FIVE AND A HALF YEARS, ALMOST SIX YEARS THAT I HAVE BEEN HERE. AND IT HAS BEEN CORRUPTED ON A COUPLE OF OCCASIONS WITHIN THE REFERENCING PROCESS. AS THE CHAIR OF THE REFERENCING COMMITTEE, AS CHAIR OF THE EXEC BOARD, I'VE BEEN FRUSTRATED. BUT, AS SENATOR CHAMBERS WILL REMIND US, THE RULES ARE THE RULES. AND IF YOU COME IN WITH MORE VOTES AND WANT TO CHANGE SOMETHING, IT WILL BE CHANGED. MY PROBLEM WITH DISTURBING THIS LEGISLATIVE PROCESS IS TWOFOLD. NUMBER ONE, THERE MAY BE CONSIDERATIONS THAT SOMEONE WHO HAS 30-PLUS YEARS' EXPERIENCE AND IS A LAWYER HAS WARNED US THAT THIS IS THE PROPER REFERENCING POINT FOR IT TO GO TO. AND WHEN WE DISREGARD THAT ADVICE, WE'RE NOT BOUND BY IT, WE HAVE TO LIVE WITH OUR DECISIONS. IT'S A VOTE. BUT WHEN WE COMPLETELY DISREGARD OR DISMISS THAT TRADITION OF HAVING SOMEONE WITH 30-PLUS YEARS, WHO'S BEEN DOING IT THAT LONG, GIVE US PROPER ADVICE AND RESPECT HER IN HER POSITION AS A STAFF, THEN THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG, AND I WILL NOT STAND FOR IT. AND I'VE MADE IT VERY CLEAR TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE DISMISSED THE PROCESS AND HAVE NOT RESPECTED THE INSTITUTION. THE SECOND PART OF IT IS THAT WHEN YOU HAPHAZARDLY TAKE THINGS FROM ONE COMMITTEE TO ANOTHER OTHER OR YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A BETTER SHOT OF GETTING IT OUT OF ANOTHER COMMITTEE, IT'S JUST FUNDAMENTALLY ETHICALLY WRONG. THERE ISN'T ANY COMMITTEE THAT DOESN'T LISTEN TO EVERY BIT OF THE INFORMATION AND EITHER VOTE OUT OR KEEP IN OR IPP THE WAY IT SHOULD BE DONE. I HAVE RESPECT FOR EVERY ONE OF THE CHAIRS. BUT I'LL SAY ONE THING OTHER. THERE'S A PROCESS. IT'S TIME RESPECTED. IT'S BEEN DEMONSTRATED TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THIS BODY. IT'S PART OF THIS INSTITUTION. AND I WILL DEFEND THIS INSTITUTION AS LONG AS I AM HERE. HOWEVER, I WILL SAY THIS, AND I HAVE TOLD THE RABBLE-ROUSERS ALL THE SAME THING. IF YOU DECIDE THAT THIS GUIDE IS NOT RELEVANT IN THIS DYNAMIC ENVIRON, THEN USE THE PROCESS TO CHANGE IT CORRECTLY. DON'T UNDERMINE THE PROCESS AS IT EXISTS. I'D BE HAPPY TO TALK TO ANY OF YOU INDIVIDUALLY ABOUT THIS, ABOUT THE PROCESS ITSELF. BUT I THINK THE GUIDE IS SELF-EXPLANATORY. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB201]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR KRIST. (VISITORS INTRODUCED.)  
SEEING NO OTHER SENATORS IN THE QUEUE, SENATOR DAVIS, YOU'RE

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RECOGNIZED TO CLOSE ON YOUR MOTION. SENATOR DAVIS WAIVES CLOSING. YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION TO WITHDRAW LB201. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. HAVE YOU ALL VOTED? RECORD, PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB201]

ASSISTANT CLERK: 39 AYES, 0 NAYS ON THE MOTION TO WITHDRAW, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB201]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THE MOTION IS ADOPTED. LB201 IS WITHDRAWN. WE MOVE TO GENERAL FILE, LB1. MR. CLERK. [LB201 LB1]

ASSISTANT CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, LB1. (READ TITLE.) BILL WAS READ FOR THE FIRST TIME ON JANUARY 8 OF THIS YEAR. IT WAS PLAYED ON GENERAL FILE. [LB1]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR KRIST, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO OPEN ON LB1. [LB1]

SENATOR KRIST: GOOD MORNING, AGAIN. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. GOOD MORNING, COLLEAGUES, AND GOOD MORNING, NEBRASKA. THESE NEXT NINE BILLS THAT YOU SEE ON GENERAL FILE HAVE SOME COMMON GROUND. THEY'RE CALLED REVISOR BILLS. THEY'RE TECHNICALLY TECHNICAL CORRECTION BILLS PREPARED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES. PURSUANT TO RULE 5, SECTION 3, THEY'RE INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXEC BOARD AND REFERRED DIRECTLY TO GENERAL FILE. REVISOR BILLS INCLUDE SUCH THINGS AS CORRECTING INTERNAL REFERENCES, HARMONIZING PROVISIONS, AND REPEALING STATUTES OR PARTS OF STATUTES THAT HAVE BECOME OBSOLETE. CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAY CAUSE A STATUTORY PROVISION TO BE CONSIDERED OBSOLETE INCLUDE: ONE, STATUTES THAT CONTAIN THEIR OWN EXPIRATION DATE, WHICH HAS PASSED; TWO, LANGUAGE WITHIN A SECTION OR COMPLETE ACTS HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL BY THE SUPREME COURT; THREE, PROVISIONS THAT HAVE BECOME INOPERATIVE BECAUSE THE REASON FOR THE ENACTMENT HAS PASSED OR SUBJECT MATTER NO LONGER EXISTS; FOUR, PROVISIONS INAPPLICABLE TO CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FIVE, STATUTES THAT CONTAIN EFFECTIVE DATES OF SALARY CHANGES. THIS YEAR THERE ARE NINE. LB1 REPEALS AN OBSOLETE SECTION OF LAW THAT REFERS TO THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY THAT TOOK PLACE IN 1994. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT IN MOVING LB1 TO SELECT FILE. [LB1]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR KRIST. MR. CLERK. [LB1]

ASSISTANT CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, I DO HAVE A MOTION ON THE BILL.

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SENATOR CHAMBERS WOULD MOVE TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE THE BILL. SENATOR KRIST HAS...THE BILL WOULD NORMALLY BE LAID OVER UNLESS SENATOR KRIST ASKS THAT IT BE TAKEN UP. [LB1]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR KRIST. [LB1]

SENATOR KRIST: I WISH IT TO BE TAKEN UP. [LB1]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB1]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. I'M GOING TO CONTINUE MY INSTRUCTION THIS MORNING FOR THE COLLEAGUES THAT I HAVE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN WHAT IS IN THEIR RULE BOOK. AND AGAIN, I'LL GIVE YOU THE NUMBER OF THE PAGE FIRST: PAGE 39, SECTION 2, SUBSECTION (B). "THOSE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PLACED ON GENERAL FILE BY THE REFERENCE COMMITTEE WILL BE BRACKETED FOR FIVE CALENDAR DAYS, AND IF ONE SENATOR REQUESTS A PUBLIC HEARING ON ONE OR MORE OF THESE MATTERS, THEY WILL THEN BE REFERRED TO A COMMITTEE." I PAY ATTENTION TO LANGUAGE. IF I SIMPLY WANTED THIS BILL TO GO TO A COMMITTEE, I OFFER THE REQUEST. AND IT'S NOT DEBATABLE BECAUSE IT'S NOT A MOTION. I'M JUST OPERATING UNDER A SELF-EXECUTING RULE PROCESS. BUT THESE RULES...THESE BILLS ARE HANDLED IN THE SAME WAY ANY OTHER BILL ON GENERAL FILE WILL BE HANDLED. SEE, A PITCHER MAY HAVE A REPERTOIRE OF PITCHES: A CURVE BALL, A SCREWBALL, A FAST BALL, A SLOW BALL, A CHANGE OF PACE. AND YOU KNOW THAT THIS PITCHER HAS ALL OF THOSE PITCHES AT HIS DISPOSAL, BUT THE PITCHER MAY NOT LET YOU KNOW IN ADVANCE, WHILE YOU'RE AT BAT, WHICH ONE IS GOING TO BE THROWN. SO YOU HAVE TO BE READY FOR ALL OF THEM. THE ONLY THING I DISCUSSED IN THE RULE, ALTHOUGH I CALLED YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PAGE WHERE WHAT I INTEND TO DO IS FOUND, I JUST TALKED ABOUT HOW ONE SENATOR CAN HAVE A BILL SENT FOR A COMMITTEE HEARING. BUT I WANT TO TALK, SO I HAVE TO MAKE A MOTION ON THE BILL, NOT TO SEND IT TO A COMMITTEE, BECAUSE THAT'S NOT DONE BY A MOTION. I MAKE THE REQUEST AND IT'S OVER. IN ORDER TO TALK, YOU HAVE TO PRESENT A MOTION, WHICH IS WHAT I'M DOING. THAT'S ANOTHER BIT OF INSTRUCTION. AND YOU CAN BE OFFENDED BY THE FACT THAT I PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR RULES AND MAKE USE OF THEM IF YOU WANT TO. BUT REMEMBER, AS I TOLD YOU THE FIRST DAY, I VOTED AGAINST THESE RULES. BUT I WILL OBSERVE THEM SCRUPULOUSLY, WHICH IS MORE THAN CAN BE SAID FOR SOME CHAIR PEOPLE. AND I'M GOING TO MENTION THE CHAIRPERSON WHO UPSET ME YESTERDAY. SENATOR SCHILZ CAME IN WITH A BILL. IT WAS HIS BILL. IT DEALT WITH LIABILITY. ON THIS CHART OR THIS HANDOUT THAT WAS GIVEN TO YOU BY SENATOR KRIST, IF YOU LOOK AT THE SUBJECT MATTER

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JURISDICTION OF THESE COMMITTEES, AND THEY'RE LISTED ALPHABETICALLY, NUMBER 13 ON THE LIST FOR THE JUDICIARY, THE SECOND WORD IS "LIABILITY." THAT BILL SHOULD HAVE COME TO JUDICIARY. TRADITION--IT HAS BEEN SENT TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. IT WAS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF, WHO MAKES THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHERE A BILL SHOULD GO, TO JUDICIARY. SO SENATOR SCHILZ WENT TO SENATOR SEILER. NOW HE'S NOT YOUNG BUT HE'S A NEW CHAIRPERSON. AND HE SIGNED A LETTER SAYING, WELL, TAKE IT OUT OF JUDICIARY AND PUT IT IN NATURAL RESOURCES. AND IT DOESN'T GO IN NATURAL RESOURCES. I'VE LET SENATOR SEILER KNOW THAT I WAS VERY UPSET WITH WHAT HE DID; THAT I FELT, AS A CHAIRMAN, HE DID SOMETHING WHICH IN A WAY WAS UNFAIR TO EVERY MEMBER OF THAT COMMITTEE. YOU KNOW WHAT SENATOR--I HAVE TO LOOK AT HIS NAME--SENATOR SCHILZ SAID IN HIS ARROGANCE AND IN HIS DISRESPECT FOR SENATOR SEILER, WHO CAN SPEAK FOR HIMSELF, BUT HIS DISRESPECT FOR EVERY COMMITTEE MEMBER AND I'M ON THE COMMITTEE: WELL, THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HAVE SO MANY BILLS AND, IN EFFECT, THEY CAN'T HANDLE THE WORK; SENATOR SEILER, AS A CHAIR, DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO MANAGE THE COMMITTEE, SO THEY'LL WIND UP WITH A LOT OF BILLS STACKED UP AT THE END. AND I WAS FUMING, FUMING, "GENERAL." AND I LISTENED TO THIS NONSENSE THAT SENATOR SCHILZ WAS ADDRESSING TO THAT COMMITTEE. AND HE KNEW HE HAD THE VOTES. SO THEY VOTED FOR SUBVERSION OF THE RULE. AND YOU KNOW WHAT HE HAD THE NERVE TO SAY AFTER INSULTING SENATOR SEILER, QUESTIONING HIS ABILITY TO FUNCTION AS A CHAIRPERSON, AND INSULTING EVERY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE? AND THEY CAN SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES BUT I'LL SPEAK FOR ME. I KNOW HOW TO DISCHARGE MY DUTIES AS A MEMBER OF A COMMITTEE. AND I PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE, TOO ACTIVELY FOR THE PLEASURE OF CERTAIN PEOPLE WHO BRING BILLS BEFORE THAT COMMITTEE. EVEN LIKE SENATOR KINTNER, YESTERDAY HE DIDN'T WANT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. I ASKED HIM A QUESTION ABOUT HIS BILL. HE SAID, EVERYBODY KNOWS HOW YOU DO, YOU DON'T LIKE...YOU DON'T LIKE FIREARMS, YOU...THEY KNOW YOU ALWAYS WANT TO ASK THESE QUESTIONS. I SAID, SENATOR KINTNER, YOU BROUGHT THE BILL. I'M ASKING YOU QUESTIONS BASED ON YOUR BILL. WELL, I'VE GIVEN MY ANSWER. WHAT IS IT? WHAT WAS YOUR ANSWER? WELL...THAT'S THE WAY HE CARRIED ON. AND I SAID IT'S GOOD HE'S DOING THIS BECAUSE IT LETS THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS SEE WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH. AND YOU CAN GET THE TRANSCRIPT WHEN IT'S PREPARED AND READ IT. THAT'S WHAT I CONTEND WITH ON THAT COMMITTEE. BUT SEE, I DIDN'T WALK OUT ON THAT COMMITTEE BECAUSE IT'S MY JOB TO HELP MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THAT COMMITTEE. I WALKED OUT OF THE REFERENCE COMMITTEE YESTERDAY. IT WAS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE INSTITUTION AND EVERYBODY, INCLUDING MYSELF, THAT I ABSENT MYSELF FROM THE

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PREMISES. I COULDN'T STAND THE PIFFLE, THE NONSENSE, THE OBFUSCATION, THE OUTRIGHT DISHONESTY THAT I WAS HEARING, THE INSULT BEING GIVEN TO OUR STAFF WHO WORK VERY HARD, NOT MY COMMITTEE, NOT THE ONE WHO WORKS IN MY OFFICE, BUT THE ONES UPSTAIRS WHO DRAFT THE BILLS, WHO TRY TO DO THE JOB ACCORDING TO THE STANDARDS LAID OUT BY THE LEGISLATURE AND ADOPTED BY THE LEGISLATURE. THIS IS WHAT THE LEGISLATURE TELLS THE PUBLIC WHEN THEY LOOK FOR WHAT THESE COMMITTEES ARE ABOUT. AND IF THEY PULL IT UP AND A BILL RELATES TO LIABILITY, IF THEY LOOK ON HERE, THEY SAY THAT'S IN THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. SO IF A BILL THAT RELATES TO LIABILITY IS NOT REFERRED TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, HOW DO THEY KNOW WHERE TO LOOK? SO I SAID, DURING THE HEARING OR OUR PROCEEDINGS, I WANT THE STAFF TO KNOW THAT THEY SHOULD CONTINUE TO HONOR THE SYSTEM THAT HAS BEEN IN PLACE, THE TRADITIONS ESTABLISHED FOR REFERRAL OF THESE BILLS, AND DON'T LET A BONE-HEADED VOTE BY THIS COMMITTEE CAUSE YOU TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU DO YOUR WORK. YOU'RE DOING IT THE WAY IT SHOULD BE DONE. AND IF THESE WET-BEHIND-THE-EAR PEOPLE, THESE RICKETTS' "CRICKETS" DON'T LIKE THE WAY THINGS ARE DONE, THERE'S A WAY TO CHANGE IT. CHANGE THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE BECAUSE YOU DON'T LIKE THE WAY SENATOR CHAMBERS BEHAVES. AND IF A BILL GOES THERE, IT MAY NOT GET OUT. SO THE BILLS YOU HAVE THAT YOU THINK HE DOESN'T LIKE, TAKE THAT JURISDICTION AWAY AND GIVE IT TO GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, GIVE IT TO GENERAL AFFAIRS, GIVE IT TO THEM. ANYTHING WILL COME OUT OF THERE IF THE CHAIRMAN LIKES IT OR IF HE CAN ARRANGE TO GET HIS BILL MISREFERRED TO HIS COMMITTEE. THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING. DO YOU ALL CARE? I DOUBT IT. ARE YOU WILLING TO DO ANYTHING TO CORRECT IT? I DOUBT IT. I'M VINDICATING MY CONSCIENCE, MY RESPONSIBILITY. I WATCHED THE OUTRIGHT RACISM DISPLAYED BY THE WAY THEY BUMPED...I DON'T SPEAK FOR OTHER PEOPLE BUT THIS TIME I WILL. THE ONLY BLACK LADY IN THIS CHAMBER WHO HAD SERVED ON A COMMITTEE, SHE WAS IN LINE TO BE THE CHAIRPERSON. AND AS WE VOTED FOR PEOPLE ON THESE COMMITTEES, THERE WERE CHECKS BESIDE THE NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN ON THE COMMITTEES AND WANTED TO RETURN. AND IN MOST CASES THAT WAS HONORED, UNTIL IT CAME TO SOMEBODY THAT THE CLIQUE OR THE CLAQUE OR THE... [LB1]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB1]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..."CRICKETS" DIDN'T LIKE. SO SHE WAS NOT PUT ON THE COMMITTEE. TO ME, THAT'S RACISM. YOU CAN CALL IT WHAT YOU WANT TO. AND I THINK IT WAS COWARDLY, IT WAS DISGUSTING, IT WAS REPREHENSIBLE, AND IT DEALT WITH A WOMAN. OH, THEY'RE BRAVE AND



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TOUGH IF THEY'RE DEALING WITH A WOMAN OR SOMEBODY WHO'S FEARFUL AND WEAK AND VULNERABLE. THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE. AND I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT? HOW WILL YOU KNOW IF I, WHO AM ON THAT COMMITTEE, WILL NOT TELL YOU? [LB1]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR SEILER. [LB1]

SENATOR SEILER: MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, I WILL ASSURE YOU, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE JUDICIARY AND ON BEHALF OF THE JUDICIARY, THAT THOUGH I SEE WE'RE UP TO, ACCORDING TO THE WHITE PAGE, 77 BILLS TO HAVE HEARINGS ON, YOU WILL GET A FAIR HEARING IN FRONT OF OUR COMMITTEE. YOU WILL GET ALL THE TIME YOU NEED AND YOUR WITNESSES. WE'VE ALREADY STARTED. I THINK WE'VE GONE THROUGH 11 BILLS ALREADY AND THEY WERE ALL GIVEN FAIR HEARINGS. YOU WILL GET A FAIR SHAKE IN THE EXEC SESSION. AND SO, YOU KNOW, YOU CAN PUSH THAT BILL TO 120 FOR ALL I CARE. YOU'RE STILL GOING TO GET THE SESSION. WHAT I KIDDED THE REFERENCE COMMITTEE YESTERDAY ON IS I DON'T THINK YOU GUYS CAN GET OUT OF HERE IN JUNE IF I'M STILL HOLDING HEARINGS. SO...BUT THAT WAS IN JEST. I...WE'LL GET IT DONE. WE WILL WORK NIGHTS AND GET IT DONE. THAT'S ALL. AND I WILL RELEASE THE REST OF MY TIME TO SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB1]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR SEILER. SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB1]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, SENATOR SEILER. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND SO THAT IT'S CRYSTAL-CLEAR WHAT I'M SAYING, IF I THOUGHT SENATOR SEILER COULDN'T DO THE JOB, I WOULD TELL HIM. THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HAS ALWAYS GOTTEN MORE BILLS THAN OTHER COMMITTEES. WE WORK LATE. IT WOULD BE A LOT DIFFERENT IF, AFTER TWO OR THREE HOURS OR FOUR, I WOULD JUMP UP AND LEAVE AS SOME OF THESE WET-BEHIND-THE-EAR PEOPLE DO. THEY WON'T EVEN BE ON THE FLOOR WHEN WE'RE TAKING CARE OF IMPORTANT BUSINESS. BUT THEY WANTED YOU TO MAKE THEM CHAIRPERSONS. THEN THEY'RE GOING TO LEAD TO THE MISREFERENCING OF BILLS, UNDERMINING AND SUBVERTING THE SYSTEM. YOU ALL CAN TAKE IT BUT I WON'T. AND I CAN'T MAKE YOU DO ANYTHING. THAT'S WHY I'VE GOT TO DO WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR ME. I'VE GOT TO DO IT. BUT SENATOR SEILER IS FAMILIAR WITH THE LAW. HE WORKED IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. YOU CAN SAY WHETHER THAT'S A PLUS (LAUGH) OR A MINUS, BUT HE WAS DEALING WITH THE LAW. AND HE HAS LIVED HIS LIFE DEALING WITH THE LAW. IN FACT, WE WEREN'T STATIONED THE SAME PLACE. WE PROBABLY WEREN'T EVEN IN THE ARMY AT THE SAME

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TIME BECAUSE...I DON'T KNOW IF THEY...SOMEBODY WOULD SAY, WELL, THEY DIDN'T EVEN HAVE M1s WHEN I WAS IN THE ARMY. BUT ANYWAY, THEY FOUND OUT THAT SENATOR SEILER KNEW THE LAW, THAT HE WAS A LAWYER WHEN HE WENT IN. SO ON WEEKENDS HE WORKED AS A LAWYER, DOING WHAT HIS LIFE'S PROFESSION WAS. SO YOU CAN SAY FROM THE TIME THAT HE WAS A LAWYER, EVEN WHEN HE WAS IN THE MILITARY, HE WAS WORKING WITH AND IN THE LAW. DOES THAT MEAN HE AND I WILL AGREE ON THE MEANING OF EVERY POINT OF LAW? ABSOLUTELY NOT. BUT AT LEAST HE COMES FROM THE POSITION OF SOMEBODY WHO UNDERSTANDS THE LAW, WHO KNOWS THE LAW, AND WILL GIVE A LEGAL ARGUMENT AS TO WHY HIS POSITION IS SUPERIOR TO MINE. AND BECAUSE I COME WITH AN OPEN MIND TO SOMEBODY WHO HAS KNOWLEDGE, NOT AN EMPTY HEAD AS IS THE CASE WITH SOME OF THE PEOPLE THAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, IF HE CAN PERSUADE ME, THEN I'M ON HIS SIDE. I AM ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO SEES NO VALUE IN HOLDING TO A POSITION THAT I, MYSELF, KNOW IS FALSE AND INVALID. A MAN WHO IS FALSE IN ONE THING, SAID RALPH WALDO EMERSON, MAY BE DEEMED TO BE FALSE IN ALL THINGS. AND WHEN YOU'RE FALSE TO YOURSELF, YOU'VE ALREADY BECOME FALSE TO ALL THINGS, BECAUSE IN A SENSE YOU CARRY EVERYTHING WITHIN YOURSELF. BUT BACK TO WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT. SENATOR SCHILZ... [LB1]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE, SENATOR. [LB1]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...BEGAN TO KIND OF STUMBLE AND FUMBLE WHEN HE WAS TALKING. AND I HAD OBJECTED. SO THEN HE SAID, WELL, THIS BILL IS ABOUT RECREATION, TOURISM, AND THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEALS WITH RECREATION, NOT LIABILITY, AND HE KNOWS IT. BUT HE COULDN'T GET THE BILL OUT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND I'M STILL ON THE COMMITTEE. SO THEN YOU KNOW WHAT WAS THE THING THAT PUSHED ME OUT OF THAT COMMITTEE? I CAN ONLY STAND SO MUCH FOOLISHNESS. HE SAID, ACTUALLY YOU CAN LOOK AT THIS AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BILL. AND THAT BECAME THE ARGUMENT FOR IT. THEN SHOULD IT HAVE GONE TO REVENUE? THEY TALK IN A WAY THAT CAN BE CONSIDERED IRRATIONAL. AND I'M NOT HERE FOR NONSENSE. I'M LIKE ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO IS DESCRIBED AS NOT BROOKING... [LB1]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: TIME, SENATOR, BUT YOU ARE NEXT IN THE QUEUE. [LB1]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: SAY IT AGAIN. [LB1]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THAT WAS YOUR TIME BUT YOU ARE NEXT IN THE QUEUE, SENATOR. [LB1]

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. IT WAS SAID ABOUT A CERTAIN PERSON, IN FACT, A FORMER SPEAKER WHOM I REFERRED TO AS THE "SILVER FOX," SENATOR KERMIT BRASHEAR, HE DOES NOT BROOK FOOLS. I AGREE. I ADOPT THAT. BUT BECAUSE I'M IN THE LEGISLATURE, I CAN'T ABSENT MYSELF EVERY TIME A FOOL SPEAKS. BUT REMEMBER THIS, EVERYBODY WHO SPEAKS FOOLISHNESS IS NOT NECESSARILY A FOOL. HERE'S WHERE THAT PERSON BECOMES A FOOL, WHEN HE THINKS I ACCEPT HIS FOOLISHNESS. THEN HE'S A FOOL BECAUSE HE DISRESPECTS MY INTELLIGENCE AND THINKS THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND THINGS. SENATOR SCHILZ WAS SPEAKING UTTER FOOLISHNESS. AND AS A CHAIRPERSON, HE CAME TO SUBVERT THE SYSTEM AND THE TRADITIONS BECAUSE HE HAD A BILL AND HE WANTED IT IN HIS COMMITTEE--THAT DOESN'T EVEN PASS THE SMELL TEST--HIS COMMITTEE. HIS BILL HAS BEEN INTRODUCED BEFORE AND WENT TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. AND NOW, BECAUSE THE CLIQUE, THE CLAQUE, AND RICKETTS' "CRICKETS" HAVE THE VOTES, THEY GOT IT DONE. BUT REMEMBER THIS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS: BECAUSE THEY CAN VOTE TO HAVE SOMETHING DONE DOESN'T MEAN THAT WHAT THEY VOTED TO HAVE DONE IS RIGHT. I HAVE A BILL TO PROTECT PRAIRIE DOGS. THAT'S WHAT IT CAN BE CALLED. I COULD HAVE ARGUED THAT IT GOES TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE BECAUSE A PROVISION IN THE EXISTING LAW ALLOWS FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF A \$100 PER DAY FINE FOR UP TO 15 DAYS IF A PERSON DOES NOT DO WHAT A COUNTY BOARD SAYS THEY OUGHT TO DO ABOUT HANDLING PRAIRIE DOGS ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY. SO I COULD HAVE SAID THAT IS A SUBJECT FOR THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. BUT YOU KNOW WHAT THE TRADITION WAS: THAT A BILL OF THAT KIND WOULD GO TO THE AG COMMITTEE. AND NOBODY CAN SAY THAT I EVER RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT IT NOT BEING REFERRED TO THE PROPER COMMITTEE. I'M ON THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. IF I WAS LIKE SENATOR SCHILZ AND SENATOR MURANTE, I WOULD HAVE BEEN FIGHTING TOOTH AND NAIL TO HAVE IT REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF WHICH I'M A MEMBER. BUT I RESPECT THE PROCESS AND I RESPECT THE RULES. AND IF YOU DON'T HAVE REGULARITY AND PREDICTABILITY IN YOUR RULES, IT BITES ME TODAY. AND WHEN IT BITES YOU TOMORROW, THEN YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LIKE IT. BUT YOU CANNOT BITE ME IN A WAY THAT WILL AFFECT ME IN ANY WAY. I WANT TO SERVE NOTICE TO ALL OF THESE CHAIRS AND THESE WET-BEHIND-THE-EAR NEW CHAIRPERSONS, WHAT YOU SAY AND WHAT YOU THINK WITH REFERENCE TO ME HAS AS MUCH IMPACT ON ME AS THE GNAT...AS THE SWEAT FROM A GNAT WOULD HAVE ON THE ROCK OF GIBRALTAR. AND FOR THAT SCHEME OF TRICKING SOME OF THESE NEW CHAIRPERSONS INTO SIGNING LETTERS WITHOUT TELLING THE WHOLE STORY IS REPREHENSIBLE AND, IN MY OPINION, UNETHICAL. BUT IT DOESN'T BOTHER YOU ALL, APPARENTLY. NOTICE I ADD "APPARENTLY." YOU KNOW WHY I SAY APPARENTLY? BECAUSE IT WASN'T BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION UNTIL TODAY. AM I SUGGESTING THAT YOU CHANGE THE REFERENCING OF

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ANY BILL? I'M NOT ASKING THAT TODAY, BECAUSE MY ONLY JOB THAT I'VE ASSIGNED TO MYSELF IS TO SHOW YOU THAT I CAN TAKE TIME, ANYTIME I PLEASE, ON ANY MATTER THAT COMES BEFORE US, BECAUSE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ME AND PRACTICALLY EVERYBODY ELSE IN HERE, IF I NEED TO TAKE THAT TIME, I WILL TAKE IT AND I DON'T CARE IF PEOPLE MAKE UGLY FACES AT ME. [LB1]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB1]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: UGLY IS AS UGLY LOOKS. AND UNFORTUNATELY, WHAT OUR FOREBEARS TOLD US IS NOT TRUE. WHEN YOU GET THOSE UGLY FACES, YOUR FACE DOESN'T FREEZE THAT WAY BECAUSE THE LORD, WHO BELIEVES IN SECOND CHANCES, THIRD CHANCES, AND HOWEVER MANY, DOESN'T WANT YOU TO BE CONDEMNED BY HAVING THAT UGLY FACE ON THE FRONT OF YOUR HEAD ALL THE TIME TO LET PEOPLE KNOW WHEN THEY SEE YOU THAT THIS IS A LIAR, A HYPOCRITE, OR SOMEBODY WHO IS NOT TO BE TRUSTED. MAYBE THEY WOULD WANT TO CHANGE THEIR WAYS AND THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT. BUT I'M NOT GOING TO WAIT FOR THEM TO CHANGE THEIR WAYS. AND SENATOR SCHILZ SAID IF THINGS DIDN'T GO THE WAY I LIKED IN THE COMMITTEE, I CAN DEAL WITH IT ON THE FLOOR. AND I TOLD HIM, THEY ALL KNOW I CAN DEAL ON THE FLOOR. SOME OF YOU NEW PEOPLE DON'T THINK SO, BECAUSE YOU GET TIRED AND YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING. I CAN TALK THE REST OF THE SESSION WITHOUT REFERRING TO A PIECE OF PAPER. AND THE ONLY PIECE OF PAPER I WILL REALLY HAVE TO REFER TO IS TO LET ME KNOW THE NUMBER OF THE NEXT BILL COMING UP. SO MY NEXT SERIES OF AMENDMENTS AND MOTIONS... [LB1]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: TIME, SENATOR. [LB1]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB1]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR LARSON. [LB1]

SENATOR LARSON: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. COLLEAGUES, WELCOME TO THE LEGISLATURE, THOSE 18 NEW SENATORS THAT ARE HERE. YOU'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT THE REFERENCING PROCESS AND THE NEW WET-BEHIND-THE-EARS CHAIRMEN THAT SENATOR CHAMBERS FONDLY REFERS TO, POSSIBLY TWO OF THEM IN THIS ROW. BILLS THAT ARE REFERENCED OR PREREFERENCED, I SHOULD SAY, A LOT OF TIMES CAN HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF GOING TO MULTIPLE COMMITTEES. AND I HEARD SENATOR CHAMBERS COMMEND THE REFERENCING STAFF, AND THEY DO A PRETTY GOOD JOB OVERALL. BUT EVEN HE, I THINK, COULD ADMIT THAT

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THEY'RE NOT PERFECT, BECAUSE I THINK HE REREFERENCED A NUMBER OF BILLS THIS YEAR. AND I'D VENTURE TO GUESS IT'S PROBABLY JUST AS MANY AS THOSE WET-BEHIND-THE-EARS CHAIRMEN AND THE OTHER THREE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OR SOMETIMES FOUR--BECAUSE I THINK A FEW OF THOSE VOTES WERE 6-1, ONE WAS 6-3--DID. HE ALSO WANTED TO TALK ABOUT LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND WHERE BILLS HAVE GONE BEFORE. WELL, LET ME TELL YOU A STORY. FOUR YEARS AGO, I INTRODUCED A BILL. IT WENT TO AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE. SENATOR CHAMBERS WASN'T IN THE BODY FOUR YEARS AGO. IT WAS A BILL THAT DEALT DIRECTLY WITH AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES. IT DID HAVE A PENALTY IN IT, BUT THE HEART OF THE BILL WAS AGRICULTURAL RELATED. TWO YEARS AGO, SENATOR CHAMBERS WAS REELECTED TO THE LEGISLATURE, GETS HIS SPOT RIGHT BACK ON REFERENCING. I INTRODUCED THE BILL AGAIN. LEGISLATIVE HISTORY WOULD TELL YOU, AND WHAT THE PREVIOUS REFERENCING OF THAT BILL DID, IT WOULD GO TO AGRICULTURE UNDER THE LOGIC THAT YOU HAVE HEARD TODAY. BUT, YOU GO BACK AND LOOK AT THE RECORDS, SENATOR CHAMBERS IGNORED THE PREREFERENCE OF AGRICULTURE AND THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF THAT BILL AND REREFERENCED IT TO JUDICIARY, BECAUSE THAT'S THE COMMITTEE HE SITS ON. SO IF HE BLAMES SENATOR SCHILZ FOR...OR IF HE CALLS HIM WHATEVER HE HAS FOR ASKING TO REREFERENCE A BILL TO HIS COMMITTEE SO HE CAN GET IT OUT OF HIS COMMITTEE, THESE BILLS DEAL WITH MULTIPLE SUBJECTS, MULTIPLE COMMITTEES COULD HAVE JURISDICTION OVER THEM. FOR HIM TO ACCUSE US OF THAT IS WRONG. HE'S DONE IT IN THE PAST. I'M NOT SAYING THAT...WELL, YES,... [LB1]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB1]

SENATOR LARSON: ...HE DID REREFERENCE A NUMBER OF BILLS THIS YEAR TOO. I THINK THE STAFF DOES A GREAT JOB. I'D HAVE TO GO BACK AND LOOK. WE PROBABLY TOTAL, EVEN INCLUDING THE ONES THAT SENATOR CHAMBERS REREFERENCED THIS YEAR, PROBABLY DIDN'T REREFERENCE MORE THAN A DOZEN BILLS. BUT HE'S DONE IT IN THE PAST TOO. HE'S USING IT TO TRY TO PAINT A PICTURE FOR THE SESSION. THE RABBLE-ROUSERS VOTED FOR THIS. YOU CAN LOOK AT THE RECORD. TWO OF THE BILLS THAT SENATOR CHAMBERS WAS VERY UPSET ABOUT, SPEAKER HADLEY VOTED FOR AS WELL. HADLEY, MURANTE, HUGHES, COASH, WATERMEIER, LARSON, THE TWO BIGGEST REREFERENCING FIGHTS WE HAD, THOSE SIX MEMBERS VOTED FOR THE REREFERENCING. IT'S PUBLIC RECORD. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB1]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR LARSON. SEEING NO OTHER SENATORS IN THE QUEUE, SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO

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CLOSE ON YOUR MOTION TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE. [LB1]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. MR. PRESIDENT, I'D LIKE TO ASK CHAIRMAN LARSON A QUESTION. [LB1]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR LARSON, WOULD YOU YIELD? [LB1]

SENATOR LARSON: YES. [LB1]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: MR. CHAIRMAN, WHAT WAS THIS BILL THAT YOU SAY I REREFERENCED THAT YOU INTRODUCED? [LB1]

SENATOR LARSON: LB204, WELL, WAS THE ONE THAT GOT REREFERENCED. IT WAS A BILL RELATING TO REPORTING OF ANIMAL CRUELTY IN AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES. [LB1]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: AND I WAS ON THE REFERENCE COMMITTEE, YOU SAY. [LB1]

SENATOR LARSON: TWO YEARS AGO, YES, THAT REREFERENCED IT. [LB1]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: AND WHERE DID I SAY IT SHOULD BE SENT? [LB1]

SENATOR LARSON: JUDICIARY. [LB1]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ARE YOU AWARE THAT ALL THOSE TYPES OF BILLS GO TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE... [LB1]

SENATOR LARSON: FOUR... [LB1]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...WHILE I WAS HERE AND THAT THEY CONTINUE TO DO SO? [LB1]

SENATOR LARSON: FOUR YEARS AGO IT WAS PREREFERENCED TO AGRICULTURE AND DID GO TO AGRICULTURE. SO I'M NOT SURE. I MEAN MAYBE YOU WERE REREFERENCING BEFORE WHEN YOU WERE HERE. BUT I KNOW WHEN I INTRODUCED IT FOUR YEARS AGO, I CAN'T REMEMBER THE BILL NUMBER FOUR YEARS AGO, BUT IT WAS PREREFERENCED TO AG. IT DIDN'T GET REREFERENCED TO AG; IT WAS PREREFERENCED TO AG. AND THEN TWO YEARS AGO IT WAS AGAIN PREREFERENCED TO AG AND YOU MADE THE MOTION TO MOVE IT TO JUDICIARY AND THAT MOTION SUCCEEDED. [LB1]

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, HE TALKED ABOUT SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED WHEN I WAS NOT IN THE LEGISLATURE. MY VIEW OF WHERE A BILL SHOULD GO HAS BEEN CONSISTENT. HE IS CORRECT WHEN HE SAYS THAT I POINTED OUT THAT REFERENCING IS NOT, I USE THE TERM, EXACT SCIENCE. AND IN FACT, I SAID IT'S AN ART. BUT IT'S INFORMED BY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, TRADITIONS, AND WHAT WE NOW HAVE, WHICH THEY DIDN'T HAVE THAT I RECOLLECT, A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF THE JURISDICTION OF THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES WHICH PEOPLE CAN TURN TO ON THESE GADGETS AND GET. AND SENATOR LARSON, IF HE WAS PRESENT AND IF HE WAS PAYING ATTENTION, HEARD ME SAY THAT THIS DOCUMENT GIVES NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC AND THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO RELY ON IT. AND IF HE WAS PRESENT, IF HE LISTENED, OR IF HE LISTENED AND DIDN'T UNDERSTAND, I WANT TO INFORM HIM NOW. I STATED THAT IF THE REFERENCING COMMITTEE IS GOING TO DISREGARD THIS DOCUMENT, EITHER SCRAP IT SO THE PUBLIC DOESN'T SEE IT OR PUT AN ASTERISK BESIDE THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND VARIOUS SUBJECTS AND THE EXPLANATORY LANGUAGE: THESE BILLS MAY OR MAY NOT BE REFERRED TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, CONTACT THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE FOR THE VOTE TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. WHAT SENATOR LARSON DOESN'T KNOW IS THAT I'VE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT ANIMAL CRUELTY. I'VE PARTICIPATED IN PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS. I WROTE LEGISLATION THAT RESULTED IN A JUDGE BEING ABLE TO IMPOSE A SENTENCE ON A PERSON WHO HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN CRUELTY THAT WAS NOT POSSIBLE UNDER THE LAW AS IT EXISTED AT THAT TIME. I WORKED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR LANCASTER COUNTY. THE CRUELTY WAS SO VICIOUS THAT THE JUDGE SAID THIS AMOUNTS TO AN ANIMAL AUSCHWITZ. AND IF THESE WET-BEHIND-THE-EAR PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS, THEY CAN GOOGLE IT. BUT I'M NOT GOING TO RUN AWAY FROM ANYTHING I'VE DONE. HE KNOWS THE TRUTH OF WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. AND EVERYBODY ON THAT COMMITTEE KNOWS. AND THEY HAVE GOTTEN TOGETHER BEFORE THE COMMITTEE TO GATHER VOTES TO SUBVERT WHAT THE COMMITTEE WAS GOING TO DO ON PARTICULAR BILLS. [LB1]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB1]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: AND LIABILITY FALLS RIGHT IN THE PROVINCE OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES. THE PUNISHMENT OF ANIMAL CRUELTY INVOLVES LEGAL ACTION, COURT ACTION. AND MAYBE THE CHAIRMAN DOESN'T KNOW THAT. BUT INSTEAD OF BRINGING EVERYBODY AND EVERYTHING DOWN TO HIS LEVEL OF LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OR IGNORANCE, HE SHOULD INFORM HIMSELF AND CURE HIS IGNORANCE BY FINDING OUT THE WAY THINGS REALLY ARE. AND LET HIM GET A RECORD OF ALL THESE BILLS HE SAYS THAT I REREFERENCED, THAT I REREFERENCED.

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LET HIM GET IT. BUT WHAT I'M TELLING YOU IS TRUE. THE RULES THAT I'VE CALLED YOUR ATTENTION TO SAY WHAT I'VE INDICATED THEY SAY. [LB1]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: TIME, SENATOR. [LB1]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB1]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATORS, YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE...SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB1]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I WITHDRAW THAT MOTION. [LB1]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THE MOTION IS WITHDRAWN. THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. WE MOVE BACK TO DEBATE ON THE ADVANCE OF LB1. SEEING NO SENATORS IN THE QUEUE, SENATOR KRIST, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO CLOSE ON THE ADVANCE OF LB1. SENATOR KRIST WAIVES CLOSING. THE QUESTION IS THE ADVANCE OF LB1 TO E&R INITIAL. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; ALL THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. HAVE YOU ALL VOTED? RECORD, PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB1]

ASSISTANT CLERK: 40 AYES, 0 NAYS ON THE MOTION TO ADVANCE THE BILL, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB1]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THE BILL DOES ADVANCE. WE MOVE BACK TO GENERAL FILE, LB2. MR. CLERK. [LB1 LB2]

ASSISTANT CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, LB2 INTRODUCED BY SENATOR KRIST. (READ TITLE.) BILL WAS READ FOR THE FIRST TIME ON JANUARY 8, PLACED DIRECTLY ON GENERAL FILE. [LB2]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR KRIST, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO OPEN ON LB2. [LB2]

SENATOR KRIST: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. LB2 REPEALS AN OBSOLETE SECTION OF STATUTE THAT RELATES TO THE DESIGN AND LOCATION OF CERTAIN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMPLETED IN THE 1970s. I'D APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT TO MOVE LB2 TO SELECT FILE. [LB2]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR KRIST. SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB2]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. LESSON NUMBER THREE: FIRST, ON THESE BILLS, I COULD SIMPLY MAKE THE REQUEST THAT THE BILL



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GO TO COMMITTEE FOR A HEARING, AND IT WOULD GO. I DIDN'T MAKE THE REQUEST. I WANTED TO TALK. I WANTED TO SHOW YOU THAT I HAVE ANOTHER METHODOLOGY AND THAT'S BY MAKING A MOTION TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE THE BILL. THAT WAS DONE. NOW I'M SHOWING YOU THAT SINCE THIS BILL IS ON GENERAL FILE, IT'S SUBJECT TO BEING HANDLED THE WAY EVERY OTHER BILL IS, WHICH MEANS VARIOUS MOTIONS TO AMEND OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO DO. SO I JUST CHOOSE TO DISCUSS THIS BILL AND NOT GET MY COLLEAGUE, SENATOR KRIST, WHO IS CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXEC BOARD AND HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GETTING THESE BILLS SHEPHERDED ACROSS THE BOARD, THAT I'M NOT GOING TO PUT UP A MOTION TO KILL ANY OF THESE BILLS, THAT I'M NOT GOING TO ASK THAT ANY BE REFERRED TO A COMMITTEE FOR A HEARING. I AM COLLEGIAL. I'M AN EASY GUY TO GET ALONG WITH WHEN PEOPLE LET ME. NOBODY CAN TREAT ME BETTER THAN I WILL TREAT THEM. AND FOLLOWING, BY PARAPHRASE, WHAT THE ONE YOU ALL SAY YOU ALL WORSHIP SAID, I'M NOT GOING TO THROW THE FIRST STONE. WHEN STONES ARE THROWN AT ME, I WILL RECIPROCATATE. SOMEBODY CAN MUMBLE ABOUT HE DID ALL THIS ON ALL THESE BILLS. WELL, HE SAID IT'S A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD. LET HIM GO GET THE RECORD AND SHOW YOU HOW MANY BILLS I REREFERENCED. I DO NOT GET A WEIGHTED VOTE, W-E-I-G-H-T-E-D, WHERE MY VOTE COUNTS FOR FIVE AND ALL I HAVE TO DO IS SAY REREFERENCE IT AND IT'S REREFERENCED. SENATOR LARSON, DON'T BE THAT INTIMIDATED BY ME. I'M NOT TRYING TO INTIMIDATE YOU. I'M ONLY ONE MAN, AS YOU ARE, BUT I'M AN OLDER MAN AND A WISER MAN, AND I RESPECT THE SYSTEM MORE THAN YOU DO, AND I UNDERSTAND IT BETTER THAN YOU DO. AND I DON'T WORK BEHIND THE SCENES, MANIPULATING TO SUBVERT THE SYSTEM, AS SOME OF THOSE WHO ARE VERY CLOSE TO YOU WILL DO. BUT IF ANYBODY FEELS THAT A BILL HAS NOT BEEN PROPERLY REFERENCED, IF YOU CAN PERSUADE 24 OF YOUR FELLOW SENATORS TO GO ALONG WITH YOU, YOU CAN HAVE IT REREFERENCED. AND WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT ARE NOT BILLS WHERE THERE'S A CLOSE QUESTION. I ALREADY TOLD YOU THAT I HAVE A BILL DEALING WITH PRAIRIE DOGS AND IT CONTAINS A FINE OF \$100 A DAY, WHICH I WOULD DISAGREE WITH UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. BUT I DIDN'T ASK THAT THAT BILL BE TAKEN OUT OF THE AG COMMITTEE. I HAPPEN TO SIT ON IT, BUT I'M NOT THE CHAIR. I'M TALKING ABOUT THESE CHAIRMEN, THESE CHAIRMEN WHO MANIPULATE TO HAVE BILLS SENT TO THEIR COMMITTEE. THE AG COMMITTEE IS NOT MY COMMITTEE. THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE IS NOT MY COMMITTEE. YOU'VE HEARD CHAIRMAN SEILER GIVE YOU THE ASSURANCE THAT EVERY BILL THAT COMES BEFORE THAT COMMITTEE WILL GET A FAIR HEARING. HE DIDN'T TELL YOU, AND HE WOULDN'T TELL YOU, THAT EVERYBODY IS GOING TO ROLL OVER AND LAY DEAD AND LET YOU SAY ANY AND EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO AND NOT ASK YOU QUESTIONS. SO IF YOU BRING A BONEHEAD BILL LIKE SENATOR KINTNER WILL LET PEOPLE GIVE

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HIM TO BRING, HE DOESN'T WRITE THOSE BILLS. YOU ALL, IF YOU READ THESE BILLS THAT SENATOR KINTNER PRESENTS, I'M TELLING YOU, HE DOES NOT WRITE THOSE BILLS. THERE ARE ORGANIZATIONS IN WHOM HE REPOSES TRUST AND CONFIDENCE AND THEY MISUSE HIM, MISLEAD HIM. AND THAT'S WHY HE CAN'T EXPLAIN HIS BILLS, I IMAGINE, AND HE GETS VERY OFFENDED WHEN I ASK QUESTIONS BASED ON THE LANGUAGE IN HIS BILLS. [LB2]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB2]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: SO THIS MORNING, I DECIDED TO TAKE THIS TIME. AND, SENATOR, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THIS IS WHAT THE CHAIRMAN, WHO MEANT CHAIRMAN LARSON, BUT I AM SETTING A TONE OF WHAT I'M GOING TO DO AND THE WAY I'M GOING TO DO IT. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB2]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SEEING NO OTHER SENATORS IN THE QUEUE, SENATOR KRIST, YOU'RE...SENATOR KRIST WAIVES CLOSING. THE QUESTION IS THE ADVANCE OF LB2 TO E&R INITIAL. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. HAVE YOU ALL VOTED? RECORD, PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB2]

ASSISTANT CLERK: 38 AYES, 0 NAYS ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE BILL, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB2]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. THE BILL ADVANCES. LB3, MR. CLERK. [LB2 LB3]

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB3, INTRODUCED BY SENATOR KRIST AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD. (READ TITLE.) THE BILL WAS READ FOR THE FIRST TIME ON JANUARY 8, PLACED DIRECTLY ON GENERAL FILE. [LB3]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. SENATOR KRIST, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO OPEN ON LB3. [LB3]

SENATOR KRIST: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. LB3 REPEALS OBSOLETE SECTIONS OF LAW THAT RELATE TO TAX CREDITS THAT TERMINATED JANUARY 1, 2010. THE BILL ALSO ELIMINATES A REFERENCE TO THESE OBSOLETE STATUTES FOUND IN ANOTHER SECTION OF LAW. I'D APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT IN MOVING LB3 TO SELECT FILE. [LB3]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR KRIST. SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB3]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, ALMOST EVERY SONG THAT BILLY JOEL SINGS TELLS A STORY.

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HE HAS ONE WHERE HE TALKS ABOUT HOW YOU CAN COUNT ON HIM MORE THAN YOU CAN COUNT ON YOUR ROSARY, WORDS TO THAT EFFECT. BUT HE ALSO HAS ONE...FIRST OF ALL, ARE WE HAVING FUN THIS MORNING? IS EVERYBODY HAPPY? WELL, I DON'T SEE ANY...OH, OKAY. THEY TOOK AWAY...THEY TOOK SOMETHING AWAY FROM ME BY SUGGESTING...HOW MANY IN HERE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ME TERMINATE WHAT I'M DOING? I SEE THREE. IT TAKES FIVE TO GET A CALL OF THE HOUSE. THERE HAVE TO BE FIVE WHO AGREE. BUT ANYWAY, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU NEED ANY VOTES FOR THAT. CHECK THE RULE BOOK AND SEE IF WHAT I'M SAYING IS CORRECT. AND OLD PAUL, THE "IMPOSTER," WROTE THESE WERE MORE NOBLE THAN THOSE IN THESSALONICA BECAUSE THEY SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES DAILY TO SEE IF THOSE THINGS WERE SO. SEARCH THE RULE BOOK TO SEE IF IT'S SO. BUT HERE'S THE POINT THAT I'M GETTING TO BECAUSE I STARTED WITH BILLY JOEL. HE HAD THAT SONG AND IT SAID, "COME ON, VIRGINIA, SHOW ME A SIGN. SEND ME A SIGNAL AND I'LL THROW YOU A LINE." SEND ME THE SIGNAL AND I'LL ACCEPT WHAT IT IS THAT YOU REQUEST. I AM A GRANTER OF REQUESTS. I'M NOT UPSET WITH ANYBODY ELSE ON THESE...ON THE FLOOR. ONLY THOSE THAT I HAVE DESCRIBED, THOSE THAT I HAVE IDENTIFIED. AND THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'LL NEVER WORK WITH THEM. BUT IT MEANS THAT IF THEY CONTINUE THE WAY THEY'RE GOING, THEN I KNOW WHAT I'M DEALING WITH. LET ME TELL YOU HOW POLITICIANS DON'T TELL THE TRUTH. THEY'RE LIKE THE ONE THAT SPEAKS WITH THE FORKED TONGUE. YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'LL HEAR A POLITICIAN SAY? NEVER SAY NEVER. AND HE VIOLATED THAT RIGHT THERE WHEN HE SAID IT. HE SAID IT TWICE WHILST TELLING YOU, YOU SHOULD NOT SAY IT AT ALL. SO YOU KNOW WHAT HE'S SAYING? DO AS I SAY DO, DON'T DO AS I DO. BUT PEOPLE ARE ACCUSTOMED TO NOT BEING LISTENED TO SO THEY'RE NOT CAREFUL IN HOW THEY SPEAK. THEY DON'T RESPECT WORDS. THEY DON'T RESPECT LANGUAGE. I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU WHERE CHAIRMAN LARSON USED A WORD ON THIS FLOOR THAT I WILL NOT EVEN SPELL BUT IT BEGINS WITH "S" AND ENDS WITH "T" AND IT HAS A HIGH CENTER IN THE MIDDLE. HE SAID IT ON THE FLOOR AND SAID THAT PARTICULAR SUBSTANCE RUNS DOWNHILL. YOU WON'T HEAR ME USE A VULGARISM LIKE THAT ON THIS FLOOR OR AN OBSCENITY, IF YOU WILL. BUT THOSE YOU CHOOSE AS LEADERS DO IT. SO THEY WILL GET ANGRY BECAUSE I SPEAK THE TRUTH. BUT CHECK THEIR CONDUCT. CHECK HOW THEY GOT WHERE THEY ARE. CHECK THE MANIPULATING THEY DID MAYBE WHEN THEY WORKED WITH ANOTHER SENATOR AND HELPED DRAW THE MAPS THAT SET OUT DISTRICTS FROM WHICH PEOPLE WOULD BE ELECTED. CHECK THAT. AND THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE WHO KNOW ABOUT IT. HE KNOWS WHO I'M TALKING ABOUT. I'M TALKING ABOUT SENATOR MURANTE, IF THE REST OF YOU DON'T KNOW, AND HE'S GOT A MOUTH. HE CAN SAY THAT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT HAS NEVER BEEN STATED, HAS NEVER BEEN ALLEGED, HAS NEVER BEEN SHOWN. BUT IN POLITICS YOU ARE ALLOWED TO DO ANYTHING.

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[LB3]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB3]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: YOU'RE ALLOWED TO SAY ANYTHING. LIES ARE NOT LIES WHEN THEY'RE STATED BY POLITICIANS. I'VE GOT ONE MORE THING I GOT TO SAY SO I'M GOING TO PUT MY...NO, I'LL LET THIS BILL GO AND THEN I'LL SAY IT ON THE NEXT ONE. THANK YOU. [LB3]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR KRIST WAIVES CLOSING. THE QUESTION IS THE ADVANCE OF LB3 TO E&R INITIAL. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; ALL THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. HAVE YOU ALL VOTED? RECORD, PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB3]

ASSISTANT CLERK: 38 AYES, 0 NAYS ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE BILL, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB3]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. LB3 ADVANCES. WE MOVE NOW TO LB4. SENATOR KRIST, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. MR. CLERK. [LB3 LB4]

ASSISTANT CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, LB4, INTRODUCED BY SENATOR KRIST AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD. (READ TITLE). THE BILL WAS READ FOR THE FIRST TIME ON JANUARY 8, PLACED ON GENERAL FILE. [LB4]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. SENATOR KRIST, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO OPEN ON LB4. [LB4]

SENATOR KRIST: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. LB4 REPEALS SEVEN OBSOLETE SECTIONS OF THE STATUTES RELATING TO THE NEBRASKA OPPORTUNITY ZONE ACT THAT TERMINATED DECEMBER 31, 2010. I'D APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT IN MOVING LB4 TO SELECT FILE. [LB4]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR KRIST. SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB4]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'LL BE VERY BRIEF THIS TIME. I CAN'T PROMISE THAT ABOUT ALL THE OTHERS. BUT THERE ARE TWO THINGS I'VE ALWAYS SAID IN THE PAST WHEN I'M IN A POSITION WHERE I HAVE TO SPEAK AT LENGTH. EVERYTHING THE LEGISLATURE NEEDS TO DO IN THAT PARTICULAR SESSION WILL BE DONE. EVERYTHING THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE WILL BE DONE. AND IF IT LOOKS LIKE IT MAY NOT BE DONE, THEN I WILL HELP FACILITATE ITS BEING DONE. TALK TO ANY PERSON WHO HAS BEEN A SPEAKER DURING THE TIME I'VE BEEN IN THE LEGISLATURE AND THOSE PEOPLE WILL TELL YOU HOW I WAS A FACILITATOR. I WOULD SAY THE THINGS THAT THEY COULDN'T SAY. I

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WOULD DO THE THINGS THAT THEY COULDN'T DO FOR FEAR OF IT DAMAGING THEIR EFFECTIVENESS BUT THEY KNEW THAT I WOULD DO IT BECAUSE I HAVE CONCERN FOR THE LEGISLATURE AS AN INSTITUTION. AND THAT'S THE WAY I OPERATE. I'M TEACHING THIS MORNING. NOBODY WHO HAD A HARD TEACHER LIKED THAT TEACHER AT THE TIME, NOBODY. YOU HAVE TO STUDY. YOU HAVE TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO KNOW WHEN YOU COME TO CLASS. AND IF WISHES COULD KILL, THAT TEACHER WOULD HAVE MET AN UNKIND FATE. BUT A FUNNY THING, YEARS LATER WHEN YOU HEAR PEOPLE TALK ABOUT THE TEACHERS THEY REMEMBER AND WHO DID THE MOST FOR THEM, INVARIABLY IT'S SOMEBODY WHO THEY COULDN'T STAND AT THE TIME. BUT THEY LEARNED SOMETHING. YOU KNOW WHY THEY CAN'T STAND THAT PERSON? CHANGE IS DIFFICULT. WHETHER YOU'RE A VERY YOUNG PERSON OR A VERY OLD PERSON, YOU BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO DOING THINGS A CERTAIN WAY AND IT IS EASIER. AS I OFTEN QUOTE, ALL RIVERS AND MOST PEOPLE ARE CROOKED BECAUSE THEY FOLLOW THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE. YOU CAN GOOGLE TO FIND OUT WHO SAID THIS BECAUSE I'M JUST RETAILING. SOMEBODY ELSE ORIGINATED IT. HE WAS A GALLEY SLAVE. AND THAT IS THE PERSON WHO SITS DOWN IN THE HOLD OF THIS BIG OLD BOAT WITH A ROW AND YOU HAVE TO ROW, ROW, ROW THIS BOAT. AND THE RHYME WAS...BECAUSE HE WAS LIBERATED. HE SAID, MY VERY CHAINS AND I GREW FRIENDS, SO MUCH ALONG COMMUNION TENDS TO MAKE US WHAT WE ARE THAT I RELINQUISH MY CHAINS WITH A MOURNFUL SIGH. HE WAS GIVING UP SOMETHING THAT WAS A SYMBOL OF HIS DEGRADATION, A DENIAL OF HIS HUMANITY. BUT HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH IT. HE HAD ACCEPTED IT AS HIS FATE. HE HAD ADAPTED TO IT, HAD ADJUSTED TO IT, AND THAT WAS TO BE HIS LIFE. AND WHEN SOMEBODY SET HIM ADRIFT, IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT. SO, THERE ARE GOING TO BE THINGS THAT I'M GOING TO SAY, THAT I'M GOING TO DO, AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LIKE IT AND YOU CERTAINLY ARE NOT GOING TO LIKE ME. BUT THAT MAKES ME NO DIFFERENCE. I'M IN GOOD COMPANY. DIDN'T THEY MAKE A GUY WHO WENT AROUND ASKING PEOPLE QUESTIONS TAKE HEMLOCK? THAT'S POISON. WASN'T THERE ANOTHER GUY WHO ONE WEEK THEY WERE LAYING PALM LEAVES IN FRONT OF THE JACKASS HE WAS RIDING AND SHOUTING HOSANNA, THEN A WEEK LATER THE SAME MOB WAS HOLLERING CRUCIFY HIM? YOU ALL FAMILIAR WITH THAT? SO WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE WHAT THE MOB SAYS? THEY'RE NOT THINKING. THAT'S ALL I'LL SAY ON THIS BILL. WHAT I HAVE TO SAY AGAIN I'LL SAY ON THE NEXT ONE. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB4]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR KRIST WAIVES CLOSING. THE QUESTION IS THE ADVANCE OF LB4 TO E&R INITIAL. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; ALL THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. HAVE YOU ALL VOTED? RECORD, PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB4]

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ASSISTANT CLERK: 39 AYES, 0 NAYS ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE BILL, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB4]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. LB4 ADVANCES. LB5, MR. CLERK. [LB4 LB5]

ASSISTANT CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, LB5, INTRODUCED BY SENATOR KRIST AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD. (READ TITLE.) THE BILL WAS READ FOR THE FIRST TIME ON JANUARY 8, PLACED DIRECTLY ON GENERAL FILE. [LB5]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. SENATOR KRIST, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO OPEN ON LB5. [LB5]

SENATOR KRIST: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. LB5 REPEALS FIVE OBSOLETE SECTIONS OF LAW RELATING TO THE NEBRASKA INNOVATION HIGH WAGE EMPLOYMENT ACT THAT TERMINATED JANUARY 1, 2011. I'D APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT IN MOVING LB5 TO SELECT FILE. [LB5]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR KRIST. SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB5]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, IT IS NECESSARY THAT THESE BILLS GO AHEAD AND MOVE AND THAT'S ABOUT ALL ANYBODY COULD EXPECT TO BE DONE THIS MORNING, BEING REALISTIC. BUT I'VE GOT TO TRY TO FINISH SOMETHING THAT JUMPED INTO MY MIND. SENATOR KOLTERMAN, AS THEY SAY IN THE HOUSES OF WORSHIP, IT LIES HEAVY ON MY HEART. BUT I DON'T HAVE A HEART SO IT LIES HEAVY ON WHATEVER WOULD BE THERE, THAT VACANT SPACE. THIS GUY THAT I TOLD YOU WAS RIDING THE JACKASS ONE WEEK AND THEY WERE PRAISING HIM AND THEY TREATED HIM LIKE A JACKASS THE NEXT WEEK AND WANTED TO KILL HIM, WELL, HE WAS TAKEN TO PILATE. PILATE WAS ONE OF THESE OLD ROUGH AND TUMBLE PEOPLE. HE WAS NOT THE HEROIC FIGURE THAT SOME PEOPLE PORTRAY HIM AS BEING. BUT HE EXAMINED HIM. HE SAID, WHAT ARE YOU EVEN HERE FOR? AND OTHER PEOPLE TOLD HIM WHAT HAPPENED. HE SAID, THAT'S NONSENSE, THESE PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT GOD AND CEREMONIES, AND WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO WITH HIM? THEY SAID, WELL, YOU'RE THE HEAD OF THIS OPERATION, IF YOU DON'T DO YOUR JOB WE'RE GOING TO TELL CAESAR THAT YOU'RE NOT DOING YOUR JOB. SO BEING THE KIND OF MAN THAT HE WAS, NOT HAVING ANY DOGS IN THE FIGHT, AS THEY SAY, HE SAID, I KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO. THESE PEOPLE HAVE LONG TRADITIONS OF BEING HOLY. THEY HAVE PROPHETS AND HAVE ALL THESE SUPERSTITIONS. THEY KNOW HOW MANY DAYS IT TOOK THE EARTH TO BE CREATED AND FISH AND FOWL AND EVERYTHING ELSE AND THEY TALK ABOUT ALL THIS RIGHTEOUSNESS,

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SO I'M GOING TO LET THEM DECIDE. AND THEY'LL TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY OFF ME. SO THESE PEOPLE THAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT HAD A CUSTOM AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR. THEY WOULD ALWAYS EXTEND CLEMENCY TO SOMEBODY. SO WHAT PILATE DID, BECAUSE THIS FELLOW THAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT WAS SHORTER THAN I AM--FIVE FEET THREE INCHES TALL, 112 POUNDS SOAKING WET--AND PILATE IS LOOKING AT HIM AND SAYING, ALL THESE PEOPLE ARE UPSET WITH THIS LITTLE FELLOW, SO I'M GOING TO MAKE THEM TURN HIM LOOSE. SO HE TOOK HIM OUT ON THIS BALCONY, AND HE TOLD HIS MEN, GO GET ME THE ROUGHEST, TOUGHEST, UGLIEST, MOST WRONGDOING PERSON WE'VE GOT IN CUSTODY AND BRING HIM TO ME. SO THEY BROUGHT THIS GUY TO HIM. AND HE WAS MEAN. HIS MOUTH TURNED UP AT ONE OF THE CORNERS, NOT BECAUSE HE HAD AN INFIRMITY, BUT THAT'S THE WAY HE CARRIED THAT EXPRESSION. URGHHH! GROWLED AT PEOPLE. IN FACT, HIS NAME WAS "GROWLEST." ACTUALLY, IT WAS BARABBAS. BUT HERE IS THIS LITTLE-BITTY FELLOW, FIVE FEET THREE INCHES TALL, 112 POUNDS SOAKING WET, AND HERE IS THIS TOWERING GIANT, HOWEVER TALL HE WAS, BUT WELL OVER SIX FEET TALL. AND IN THOSE DAYS, THAT WAS A GIANT. I DIDN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH OVER SIX FEET. HE COULD HAVE BEEN 12 FEET TALL. BUT AT ANY RATE, HE WAS UNSHAVEN, LIKE I AM. BUT HIS BEARD WAS NOT WHITE. HAD HE LONG, DARK HAIR THAT CASCADED DOWN OVER HIS SHOULDERS. SOME OF IT FELL OVER HIS FACE. BUT YOU COULD STILL SEE ENOUGH OF HIS FACE TO SEE THAT HE HAD A DIAGONAL SCAR GOING ACROSS HIS FACE FROM THE HAIRLINE ON THE LEFT SIDE OF HIS FOREHEAD DOWN ACROSS THAT LEFT EYEBROW, DOWN ACROSS HIS CHEEK AFTER MAKING A PAUSE AT HIS NOSE TO CUT THE BRIDGE OF HIS NOSE, DOWN ALONG HIS CHEEK, AND VANISHED INTO HIS BEARD ON THE LOWER RIGHT SIDE OF HIS FACE, BARABBAS. AND THEY TOLD WHAT HE DID, A MAN WHO COMMITTED... [LB5]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB5]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...MURDER, MAYHEM, A BAD ACTOR. NOW, I'M PRESENTING THESE TWO GUYS TO YOU. I WANT YOU TO MAKE A CHOICE. THIS LITTLE FELLOW, I DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING WRONG WITH HIM, EXCEPT HE THINK HE'S MAGIC, THINK HE'S HOUDINI. I'LL FINISH WHEN I SPEAK AGAIN ON THE NEXT BILL. [LB5]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR KRIST WAIVES CLOSING. THE QUESTION IS THE ADVANCE OF LB5 TO E&R INITIAL. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; ALL THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. HAVE YOU ALL VOTED? RECORD, PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB5]

ASSISTANT CLERK: 40 AYES, 0 NAYS ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE BILL, MR.

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PRESIDENT. [LB5]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THE BILL ADVANCES. MR. CLERK, WE'LL PROCEED TO GENERAL FILE, LB6. [LB5 LB6]

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB6, MR. PRESIDENT, WAS INTRODUCED BY SENATOR KRIST AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD. (READ TITLE.) THE BILL WAS READ FOR THE FIRST TIME ON JANUARY 8. THE BILL WAS PLACED DIRECTLY ON GENERAL FILE. [LB6]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. SENATOR KRIST, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO OPEN ON LB6. [LB6]

SENATOR KRIST: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. LB6 REPEALS A PROVISION THAT TERMINATED JUNE 30, 2011. I'D APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT IN MOVING LB6 TO SELECT FILE. [LB6]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR KRIST. SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB6]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, BY THE WAY, GIANTS CAME INTO BEING IF YOU ACCEPT THAT STORY IN THE "BIBBLE" WAY IN THE FIRST PART OF THE BOOK. THE SONS OF GOD, ANGELS, CAME DOWN AMONG MEN AND HAD CHILDREN AND PRODUCED GIANTS IN THE LANDS IN THOSE DAYS. SO GOLIATH DESCENDED FROM ANGELS. AND BY THE WAY, EVERY ANGEL, BASED ON THE "BIBBLE," WAS A MALE. BUT BACK TO THIS STORY, HERE'S THIS GIANT. HE'S STILL DESCRIBED THE WAY THAT I SAID EARLIER. AND HE'S GLARING AT THESE PEOPLE VERY DEFIANTLY, TELLING THEM BY HIS POSTURE, DO YOUR WORST, I HAVE CONTEMPT FOR ALL OF YOU. AND ONE OF THE RELIGIOUS PEOPLE WAS CLOSE TO HIM, SO HE HOCKED UP ONE OF THOSE "LOOGIES," AS THEY CALL THEM, AND SPAT ON HIM, SHOWING HIS CONTEMPT. ALL YOU CAN TAKE FROM ME IS MY LIFE. AND YOU DON'T TAKE IT. I GIVE IT. YOU COULDN'T TAKE MY LIFE FROM ME IF I DIDN'T GIVE IT. BUT DO YOUR WORST, VERMIN. AND PILATE LIKED THIS. HE SAID, UM-HUM, THE LITTLE FELLOW IS GOING TO BE SPARED. BUT THEY HATED FOR SOME REASON THIS LITTLE-BITTY FELLOW WHO HAD DONE NO WRONG THAT COULD BE FOUND WHEN HE HAD BEEN ABUSED, WHIPPED, GAVE HIM THE THIRD DEGREE. SO, HE SAID, ACCORDING TO YOUR CUSTOM, WE RELEASE A CONDEMNED PERSON AT THIS TIME. WHO DO YOU WANT ME TO RELEASE? I AM WHAT YOU WOULD CALL A HEATHEN. YOU WANT ME TO RELEASE THIS LITTLE FELLOW WITH WHOM I FIND NO FAULT AND THE SYSTEM OF LAWS UNDER WHICH WE OPERATE WOULD FIND NO FAULT OR THIS CREATURE WHO SPAT ON ONE OF YOUR RELIGIOUS LEADERS? WHICH ONE DO YOU WANT? WELL, THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY BECAUSE, LIKE



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ORDINARY PEOPLE, IT WAS KIND OF EFFECTIVE TO THEM. AND THEY SAID, NOW THIS LITTLE FELLOW HASN'T DONE ANYTHING, THIS GUY HAS DONE ALL OF THAT, LITTLE FELLOW HAS BEEN LOOKING DOWN THE WHOLE TIME, NOT OFFENDING ANYBODY, AND THIS GUY IS SHOWING US HOW MUCH HE DISLIKES US. SO WHILE THEY'RE GOING THROUGH THIS THE RELIGIOUS PEOPLE, AS THEY ALWAYS DO...BECAUSE RELIGION STARTS WARS. IT DOESN'T STOP ANY. RELIGION KILLS PEOPLE, NEVER SAVES ANYBODY'S LIFE. TO THE QUESTION, WHOM SHALL I RELEASE, THE RELIGIOUS PEOPLE SAID, BARABBAS. THEN THE MULTITUDE ECHOED WHAT THE RELIGIOUS PEOPLE SAID: BARABBAS, RELEASE UNTO US BARABBAS. AND PILATE WAS TAKEN ABACK. HE SAID, RELEASE BARABBAS? YES. WELL, WHAT SHOULD DO I WITH THIS LITTLE FELLOW? AND, AGAIN, THE RELIGIOUS PEOPLE, LIKE THOSE WHO PRAY HERE EVERY MORNING, PILATE HAD UNDERESTIMATED THESE PEOPLE, LIKE I MAY BE UNDERESTIMATING SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES WHO I THINK SHOULD DO THE RIGHT THING BUT PROBABLY WON'T. THEY SAID, THE RELIGIOUS PEOPLE, CRUCIFY HIM. AND THE MULTITUDE, THE MOB, THOSE WHO DO WHATEVER THEY PERCEIVE AS A LEADER TELLS THEM TO DO, AND IN THIS CASE TOLD HIM WHAT TO SAY. THEY SAID, CRUCIFY HIM. AND HE SAID, CRUCIFY HIM? OH? REALLY? SHOULD I CRUCIFY YOUR KING? AND THEY SAID, DON'T SAY HE IS OUR KING, SAY THAT HE SAID HE'S OUR KING. AND PILATE HAD WRITTEN "KING." [LB6]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB6]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: AND THEY SAID, TAKE THAT DOWN. BY THIS TIME PILATE IS IRATE, DISGUSTED, AND INDIGNANT. AND HE LOOKED OUT THERE AT THESE RELIGIOUS HYPOCRITES AND SAID, WHAT I HAVE WRITTEN, I HAVE WRITTEN. YOU CAN DECIDE WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THIS LITTLE FELLOW BUT YOU CAN'T MAKE ME DO ANYTHING. AND TO SHOW YOU HOW MUCH CONTEMPT I'VE GOT, GO GET ME A BASIN OF WATER, A BASIN AND A PITCHER OF WATER. POUR THE WATER OVER MY HANDS. HE SAID, I WASH MY HANDS OF THIS. IT IS ALL ON YOU. AIN'T THAT A STORY? FAIRY TALES COME TRUE. THEY CAN HAPPEN TO YOU IF YOU'RE YOUNG AT HEART. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB6]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR KRIST WAIVES CLOSING. THE QUESTION IS THE ADVANCE OF LB6 TO E&R INITIAL. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; ALL THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. HAVE YOU ALL VOTED? RECORD, PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB6]

ASSISTANT CLERK: 35 AYES, 0 NAYS ON THE MOTION TO ADVANCE THE BILL, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB6]

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PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. THE BILL ADVANCES. MR. CLERK, WE'LL PROCEED TO GENERAL FILE, LB7. [LB6 LB7]

ASSISTANT CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, LB7, INTRODUCED BY SENATOR KRIST AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD. (READ TITLE.) THE BILL WAS READ FOR THE FIRST TIME ON JANUARY 8, PLACED DIRECTLY ON GENERAL FILE. [LB7]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. SENATOR KRIST, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED TO OPEN ON LB7. [LB7]

SENATOR KRIST: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. LB7 REPEALS A SECTION OF LAW THAT TERMINATED ON JUNE 30, 2011. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT IN MOVING LB7 TO SELECT FILE. [LB7]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR KRIST. SEEING NO SENATORS IN THE QUEUE, SENATOR KRIST WAIVES CLOSING. THE QUESTION IS THE ADVANCE OF LB7 TO E&R INITIAL. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; ALL THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. HAVE YOU ALL VOTED? RECORD, PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB7]

ASSISTANT CLERK: 38 AYES, 0 NAYS ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE BILL. [LB7]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. THE BILL ADVANCES. MR. CLERK, WE'LL PROCEED TO GENERAL FILE, LB8. [LB7 LB8]

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB8, INTRODUCED BY SENATOR KRIST AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD. (READ TITLE.) THE BILL WAS READ FOR THE FIRST TIME ON JANUARY 8, PLACED DIRECTLY ON GENERAL FILE. [LB8]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. SENATOR KRIST, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO OPEN ON LB8. [LB8]

SENATOR KRIST: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. LB8 REPEALS AN OBSOLETE STATUTE PERTAINING TO THE CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WHICH WAS TERMINATED ON DECEMBER 31, 2012. THE BILL ALSO ELIMINATES A REFERENCE TO THE COMMISSION FOUND IN ANOTHER SECTION OF LAW. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT IN MOVING LB8 TO SELECT FILE. [LB8]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR KRIST. SEEING NO SENATORS IN THE QUEUE, SENATOR KRIST WAIVES CLOSING. QUESTION IS THE ADVANCE OF LB8 TO E&R INITIAL. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; ALL THOSE OPPOSED

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VOTE NAY. HAVE YOU ALL VOTED? RECORD, PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB8]

ASSISTANT CLERK: 38 AYES, 0 NAYS ON THE MOTION TO ADVANCE THE BILL, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB8]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. LB8 ADVANCES. MR. CLERK, WE MOVE TO GENERAL FILE, LB9. [LB8 LB9]

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB9 WAS INTRODUCED BY SENATOR KRIST AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD. (READ TITLE.) THE BILL WAS READ FOR THE FIRST TIME ON JANUARY 8, PLACED DIRECTLY ON GENERAL FILE. [LB9]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. SENATOR KRIST, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO OPEN ON LB9. [LB9]

SENATOR KRIST: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. LB9 REPEALS AN OBSOLETE STATUTE PERTAINING TO THE REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN WATER SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE, TERMINATED ON JUNE 30, 2012, AND REPEALS A FUND THAT IS NO LONGER NEEDED. I WOULD I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT TO MOVE LB9 TO SELECT FILE. [LB9]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR KRIST. SENATOR SCHUMACHER. [LB9]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE BODY. IS THERE ANY DOUBT THAT SENATOR CHAMBERS OR ANY ONE OF US COULD HAVE STALLED THESE PROCEEDINGS OUT ON THE VERY FIRST BILL? AFTER THE LESSONS SENATOR CHAMBERS MENTIONED TODAY, THERE SHOULD BE NO DOUBT IN ANYBODY'S MIND OF THE KIND OF POWER THAT EVERY ONE OF US HAS. BUT NOW WITH PLENTY OF TIME TO GO OUT AND EAT WITH THE LOBBY IF YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE LOBBY, PLENTY OF TIME LEFT ON THE CLOCK, WE'RE RIGHT UP THROUGH OUR AGENDA, WITH VALUABLE LESSONS, AND I YIELD THE BALANCE OF MY TIME TO SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB9]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB9]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, "PROFESSOR" SCHUMACHER. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. AND WE STARTED WITH A BANG PERHAPS AND I DON'T REALLY WANT US TO END WITH A WHIMPER. BUT I BELIEVE IN SYMMETRY. THE SYMMETRY IS MADE PERFECT WHEN I AT LEAST END THE WAY I BEGAN STARTING THE PROCEEDINGS, MORE OR LESS ENDING THEM. I WILL NOT HAVE THE LAST WORD. BUT I CAN HAVE THE NEXT-TO-THE-LAST WORD. JUST

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AS EVERYBODY IS FAMILIAR WITH THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS, WHOEVER THINKS ABOUT THE NEXT-TO-THE-LAST OF THE MOHICANS? THERE ARE GOING TO BE SOME BAD BILLS COMING BEFORE US. AND WHEN THESE NEW CHAIRMEN BRING THOSE BILLS OUT OF THEIR COMMITTEES, I WANT THE REST OF YOU ALL TO BE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT I'M GOING TO TAKE ALL THE TIME THAT I NEED AND I WILL NOT GET TIRED. AND THAT'S ALL THAT I WILL HAVE TO SAY FOR TODAY AND I'M NOT GOING TO SPEAK, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'M TURNING OFF MY LIGHT. THANK YOU. [LB9]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR KRIST WAIVES CLOSING. THE QUESTION IS THE ADVANCE OF LB9 TO E&R INITIAL. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; ALL THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. HAVE YOU ALL VOTED? RECORD, PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB9]

ASSISTANT CLERK: 39 AYES, 0 NAYS ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE BILL. [LB9]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. THE BILL ADVANCES. MR. CLERK. [LB9]

ASSISTANT CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, I DO HAVE SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS, SOME ITEMS FOR THE RECORD. NEW RESOLUTION, LR37 BY SENATOR SEILER, THAT WILL BE LAID OVER. I HAVE NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING FROM GENERAL AFFAIRS; GOVERNMENT, MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS; BANKING, COMMERCE AND INSURANCE. I HAVE A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT FROM SENATOR COASH. THAT WILL BE ON FILE IN OUR OFFICE. AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SENATOR KRIST THAT REFERENCING WILL TAKE PLACE UPON ADJOURNMENT IN ROOM 2102. SERIES OF NAME ADDS: SENATOR PANSING BROOKS TO LB83; SCHILZ TO LB423; SENATOR COASH TO LB329; SENATOR PANSING BROOKS TO LB623; SENATOR HOWARD, LB346; SENATOR KOLTERMAN, LB178; SERIES OF NAMES TO LB190; SENATOR COASH TO LB268. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGES 294-297.) [LR37 LB83 LB623 LB423 LB329 LB268 LB346 LB178 LB190]

FINALLY, MR. PRESIDENT, A PRIORITY MOTION. SENATOR HADLEY WOULD MOVE TO ADJOURN UNTIL MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015, AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATORS, YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION TO ADJOURN. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. THOSE OPPOSED SAY NAY. THE MOTION IS ADOPTED. WE ARE ADJOURNED.