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PRESIDENT FOLEY PRESIDING

PRESIDENT FOLEY: GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AND WELCOME TO THE GEORGE W. NORRIS LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER FOR THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION. OUR CHAPLAIN FOR TODAY IS BISHOP BRIAN MAAS OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA BASED IN OMAHA, SENATOR JOHNSON'S DISTRICT. PLEASE RISE.

BISHOP MAAS: (PRAYER OFFERED.)

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

CLERK: I HAVE A QUORUM PRESENT, MR. PRESIDENT.

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

CLERK: I HAVE NO CORRECTIONS.

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

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, ONE APPOINTMENT LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT FRAKES AS THE DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES. THAT WILL BE REFERRED TO REFERENCE. AND THAT'S ALL THAT I HAVE THIS MORNING. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGES 335-336.)

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. WHILE THE LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION AND CAPABLE OF TRANSACTING BUSINESS, I PROPOSE TO SIGN AND DO HEREBY SIGN LR24, LR25, LR27, LR28, LR29, AND LR30. WE NOW MOVE TO A MOTION TO WITHDRAW. MR. CLERK. [LR24 LR25 LR27 LR28 LR29 LR30]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, SENATOR BAKER WOULD MOVE TO WITHDRAW LB432. [LB432]

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PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR BAKER, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO OPEN ON YOUR MOTION. [LB432]

SENATOR BAKER: GOOD MORNING, MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE BODY. I MOVE TO WITHDRAW LB432. THROUGH NO ONE'S FAULT BUT MY OWN, THERE WERE PROBLEMS AND UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES IN THE GREEN COPY. WITH MY STAFF, WE DID PREPARE A WHITE COPY THAT CORRECTED THE SECTIONS PEOPLE FOUND OBJECTIONABLE. NEVERTHELESS, I DEEM IT BEST TO WITHDRAW THIS BILL AND RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL. THANK YOU. [LB432]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR BAKER. SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB432]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, GENERALLY WHEN THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY CREATED BY A MOTION SUCH AS THIS, I'LL HAVE A WORD OR TWO TO SAY. I AM VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE FACT THAT SENATOR BAKER IS WITHDRAWING THIS BILL. BUT MY REASONS MAY BE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE THAT ANYBODY ELSE WILL HAVE. WHEN PEOPLE COME TO NEW SENATORS, SOMETIMES NEW SENATORS ARE VERY FLATTERED AND PLEASED THAT SOME BIG LOBBYIST, SOME POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, WILL SELECT THEM TO CARRY A BILL. THE QUESTION THAT NEW SENATORS ARE NOT ADVISED TO ASK THEMSELVES IF THEY DON'T WANT TO ASK THE ONE PRESENTING THE BILL, WHY WOULD THIS BE BROUGHT TO ME AND NOT TO SOMEBODY WHO HAS BEEN HERE AWHILE AND UNDERSTANDS? IT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, YOU CAN BE TRICKED, THEY CAN MISLEAD YOU. AND BY SENATOR BAKER WITHDRAWING THIS BILL, IT ESTABLISHES THAT THE WRONGDOERS, I'M USING THAT TERM, ARE NOT GOING TO BENEFIT FROM THEIR WRONGDOING. AND WHEN A NEW SENATOR BRINGS A BILL TO THE BODY AND IT GOES THROUGH A COMMITTEE HEARING AND IT COMES TO THE FLOOR, I'M GOING TO FULFILL MY ROLE AS WHAT USED TO BE REFERRED TO AS THE SENIOR MEMBER. AND THAT NEW SENATOR IS GOING TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND HIS OR HER BILL WHICH WAS GIVEN BY SOMEBODY ELSE, YET GENERALLY A BILL THAT THE GIVER FELT NOBODY ELSE WOULD CARRY. SOME OF THESE THINGS HAVE BEEN AROUND THE TRACK NUMEROUS TIMES, SHOT DOWN NUMEROUS TIMES. A LOBBYIST MAY BE PAID, COMPENSATED, ON THE BASIS OF HOW MANY BILLS HE OR SHE CAN GET RUBES, NAIVE PEOPLE TO CARRY, NOT NECESSARILY GET PASSED BECAUSE THE LOBBYIST CAN ALWAYS SAY, I CAN'T CONTROL THE LEGISLATURE BUT I WILL AT LEAST GET YOUR BILL IN THERE. SO THEY JUST LOOK AROUND, SEE WHO IS THE GREENEST AND SAY, AHA. YOU NEED TO BE TOLD THESE THINGS AND IT'S REGRETTABLE THAT THERE IS NOT SOME

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PUBLICATION THAT ANYBODY WHO IS ELECTED NOT ONLY TO THE LEGISLATURE, BUT ANY BODY, BY THAT I MEANT ANY ENTITY, THAT IS GOING TO ENACT WHETHER THEY'RE RESOLUTIONS ON A COUNTY BOARD, ORDINANCES WITH A CITY COUNCIL, OR STATUTES WITH A LEGISLATURE, TO BEWARE OF THOSE WHO BRING THESE THINGS TO YOU WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE BEING ASKED TO DO. THAT OLD CLICHE, IF YOU SIT DOWN AT A CARD TABLE AND YOU DON'T SEE THE PIGEON, THEN YOU NEED TO LEAVE BECAUSE THE PIGEON IS YOU. SOME OF YOU ARE GOING TO FEEL AN OBLIGATION TO CARRY THROUGH ON A PROMISE YOU MADE TO SOMEBODY WHO HAS LESS LOYALTY TO YOU THAN YOU HAVE TO THEM. YOU'LL BRING IT OUT HERE. AND ONCE YOU GET INTO THIS ARENA, DON'T TAKE WHAT I'M GOING TO SAY NOW AS ADVICE THAT I COINED. BUT IF YOU EVER WATCHED A PRIZE FIGHT, YOU HAVE HEARD IT. SO IT HAS BEEN STATED FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL, PROTECT YOURSELF AT ALL TIMES. DON'T GET IN THIS ARENA AND SAY, HAVE MERCY ON ME. THIS IS NOT THE PLACE WHERE MERCY... [LB432]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE, SENATOR. [LB432]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...IS DISPENSED. YOU HAVE AS MUCH OPPORTUNITY OR CHANCE TO RECEIVE MERCY HERE AS A PIG HAS IN THE PIG KILL OR A COW HAS IN THE ROOM KNOWN AS THE BEEF KILL. SO BE PREPARED. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB432]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SEEING NO OTHER SENATORS WISHING TO SPEAK, SENATOR BAKER, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO CLOSE ON YOUR MOTION. [LB432]

SENATOR BAKER: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. I JUST MOVE TO WITHDRAW LB432. LESSON LEARNED. THANK YOU. [LB432]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR BAKER. SENATORS, THE QUESTION IS THE MOTION TO WITHDRAW LB432. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; ALL THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. HAVE YOU ALL VOTED? RECORD, PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB432]

CLERK: 35 AYES, 0 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, ON THE MOTION TO WITHDRAW. [LB432]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THE MOTION TO WITHDRAW LB432 IS ADOPTED. WE RETURN TO GENERAL FILE. MR. CLERK. [LB432]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, LB88 DISCUSSED YESTERDAY, INTRODUCED BY

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SENATOR CAMPBELL, RELATES TO INCREASING FEES FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES. SENATOR CAMPBELL PRESENTED HER BILL. THERE WERE VARIOUS AMENDMENTS AND MOTIONS OFFERED TO THE BILL. I DO HAVE AMENDMENTS PENDING, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR CAMPBELL. [LB88]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. I HAD THOUGHT THAT I WOULD JUST GIVE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF WHAT IS IN LB88 AS PRESENTED ON THE FLOOR YESTERDAY. LB88 HAS TWO COMPONENTS TO IT. THE FIRST COMPONENT IS THAT WE RAISE THE FEE ON A CERTIFIED MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE FROM \$5 TO \$16. LAST YEAR, THE LEGISLATURE TOOK ACTION TO CREATE A \$16 FEE FOR THE SAME...IN THE SAME MANNER FOR THE STATE. AND THE COUNTIES, PRESENTED TO ME, FELT THAT THE TWO FEES SHOULD BE IN HARMONY. THE SECOND PART OF LB88 WOULD RAISE THE MARRIAGE LICENSE FEE FROM \$15 TO \$50. AND THIS FEE HAS NOT BEEN RAISED SINCE 1995. AND THAT PRETTY MUCH, MR. PRESIDENT, SUMS UP LB88. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CAMPBELL. MR. CLERK. [LB88]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE A PRIORITY MOTION. SENATOR CHAMBERS WOULD MOVE TO REREFER THE BILL BACK TO COMMITTEE. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO OPEN ON YOUR MOTION. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, I MADE YOU A PROMISE. I'M GOING TO KEEP IT. AND AS WE ENDED YESTERDAY, I QUOTED FROM A SONG BUT I HAD THE WRONG GROUP. I SAID LYNRYD SKYNYRD. I WAS TOLD BY SOMEBODY MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT SUCH THINGS THAT IT WAS HERMAN'S HERMITS WHO SANG THE SONG "I'M HENRY VIII, I AM." HENRY THE EIGHTH, I AM, I AM. I GOT MARRIED TO THE WIDOW NEXT DOOR. SHE WAS MARRIED SEVEN TIMES BEFORE. AND EVERY ONE WAS AN "ENERY," NOT A WILLY OR A SAM. AND MY NAME IS "ENERY," SO "ENERY" THE EIGHTH, I AM, I AM. "ENERY" THE EIGHTH, I AM. THEN THEY SAY, SECOND VERSE, SAME AS THE FIRST. NOW YOU HAVE THE BACKGROUND. I LIKE TO GIVE DOCUMENTATION, HISTORICAL CONTEXT WHERE IT HELPS. AND THIS THAT WE ARE DOING TODAY, THAT I'M DOING TODAY, IS GOING TO BE A REPEAT OF WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY. BUT IT MIGHT BE IN A DIFFERENT SEQUENCE. DID YOU HEAR ME SAY YESTERDAY? WELL, I SAID YESTERDAY. AND THAT REMINDS ME OF A JOKE. ALMOST EVERYTHING REMINDS ME OF A JOKE. THERE WAS A BATTLE GOING ON AND THE AMERICANS AND THE AUSTRALIANS WERE ALLIES. SO THESE AMERICANS CAME TO THIS

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GODFORSAKEN, FORLORN AREA. AND ONE OF THE YOUNGER AMERICANS SAID, AFTER HE LOOKED AROUND, ALMOST WITH TEARS IN HIS EYES, BUT HE DIDN'T WANT TO CRY, BUT TEARS IN HIS VOICE, WE CAME HERE JUST TO DIE. AND THE AUSTRALIANS SAID, WELL, WE CAME HERE JUST YESTERDIE (PHONETICALLY). AND SOME OF YOU ALL MAY NOT GET THAT BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT LINGUISTS BUT OTHERS WILL BE AND THEY WILL TELL YOU THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THAT. IT WILL NOT MATTER WHAT I SAY BECAUSE I'M NOT GOING TO CHANGE ANYBODY'S MIND, AND I DON'T HAVE TO CHANGE ANYBODY'S MIND BECAUSE YOU ALL KNOW BETTER THAN TO DO WHAT THIS BILL TALKS ABOUT. I'M GOING TO HAVE TO CONVINCING YOU TO FOLLOW YOUR GOOD UNDERSTANDING, TO FOLLOW WHAT YOUR MIND WHEN YOU ALLOW IT TO FUNCTION AS IT WILL, WHEN YOU FOLLOW THAT ASPECT OF YOUR MIND'S OPERATION. WHAT THIS BILL WOULD DO IS TAKE A FEE THAT SHOULDN'T BE IMPOSED IN THE FIRST PLACE OF \$15 TO PURCHASE A MARRIAGE LICENSE, AND THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE DOING, YOU'RE HAVING TO PURCHASE A PIECE OF PAPER IN ORDER TO DO WHAT THE STATE DICTATES THAT YOU DO BEFORE YOU CAN HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AND EVEN RESPONSIBILITIES. THAT SOMETHING IS TO BE MARRIED. YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR THAT. AS FOR ALL THIS CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT MARRIAGE LICENSES ARE USED FOR, I WILL NOT DISAGREE WITH ANY OF THAT. AND A MARRIAGE LICENSE WITH EVERYTHING THAT IS CURRENTLY WRITTEN ON THESE DOCUMENTS CAN CONTAIN THAT SAME INFORMATION. BUT A PERSON WILL NOT BE CHARGED ANYTHING OTHER THAN A NOMINAL FEE IF YOU WANT TO CALL IT THAT. AND I COMMENTED ON THAT ASPECT BY SAYING WHEN YOU PASS THAT \$2 OR \$3 TO THE CLERK, WHO IS NOT VERY BUSY ANYWAY, IT MEMORIALIZES THIS ACTIVITY THAT YOU'RE PARTICIPATING IN. AND THAT FEE SERVES THE SAME FUNCTION AS AN OATH WHICH YOU TAKE IN COURT. THAT OATH IS NOT GOING TO ASSURE THAT YOU WILL TELL THE TRUTH. IT DOESN'T ASSURE ANYTHING. THE PURPOSE IS TO CALL TO YOUR MIND THAT YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN A SOLEMN ACTIVITY. AND IF YOU DO NOT TELL THE TRUTH IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, OR PLEAD THE FIFTH SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER THE QUESTION, BUT IF YOU DON'T PLEAD THE FIFTH AND YOU ANSWER A QUESTION OR MAKE A STATEMENT WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BE TRUE AND YOU DON'T TELL THE TRUTH, THERE ARE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES THAT WILL FLOW. THAT'S THE ONLY PURPOSE OF THE OATH. THE JUDGE KNOWS BETTER THAN ANYBODY ELSE THAT SWEARING TO GOD IS NOT GOING TO LEAD ANYBODY TO DO ANYTHING. THIS PIECE OF PAPER THAT ALLOWS YOU TO MARRY DOES NOT ENSURE THAT YOUR MARRIAGE IS GOING TO WORK. YOU FIND THAT OUT AFTER YOU ENTER THAT STATUS. I WOULD NOT TELL ANYBODY TO MARRY. I WOULD NOT TELL ANYBODY UNDER ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES NOT TO MARRY. BUT IF MY OPINION WAS SOUGHT, I WOULD SAY YOU NEED TO BE AWARE OF HOW SERIOUS THIS STEP IS THAT YOU'RE TAKING, NOT THAT YOU CANNOT

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REVERSE IT AND GET OUT OF THE WHOLE THING RELATIVELY EASILY. BUT THE NOTION IS THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO CONSIDER ANY SERIOUS STEP YOU TAKE IN YOUR LIFE VERY CAREFULLY. KNOW THE CONSEQUENCES AND KNOW WHAT RESULTS CAN ACCRUE THAT YOU MAY NOT LIKE. ONE THING THAT IS HAPPENING IN THIS COUNTRY NOW, MANY WOMEN ARE WAITING A LONGER TIME BEFORE THEY GET MARRIED. THEY WON'T RUN TO THE ALTAR WITH SOME LOWDOWN SCUMBAG, SCALLYWAG TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM SAYING, YOU'RE GOING TO BE AN OLD MAID IF YOU DON'T HURRY UP AND GET MARRIED. AND IF SHE WOULD LOOK AROUND AT SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MARRIED, SHE WOULD SAY THAT'S MUCH BETTER THAN BEING IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES YOU FIND YOURSELF IN. SOME WOMEN ARE PUTTING OFF TO AN OLDER AGE HAVING CHILDREN. SOME ARE HAVING CHILDREN BY WAY OF ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION OR WHAT THEY CALL IN VITRO FERTILIZATION. OTHERS WHO ARE WEALTHY WILL HIRE THE BODY OF A POOR WOMAN TO BE THE INCUBATOR OF A CHILD THAT SHE WANTS TO HAVE. I DIDN'T LIKE THAT. SO WHAT I DID WAS TO GET LEGISLATION, AS I'VE DONE DURING THE SEVERAL DECADES THAT I WAS HERE, TO ADDRESS A SITUATION WHICH I THOUGHT WAS INAPPROPRIATE. I DIDN'T DO LIKE MY COLLEAGUES WHO MUMBLE AND GRUMBLE AND DON'T DO ANYTHING. WE HAVE THE POWER TO AFFECT WHAT IS GOING ON AND TO EFFECT CHANGES. SO, THEY CALL THESE AGREEMENTS...IT GOT SO QUIET ALL OF A SUDDEN, I LOST MY TRAIN OF THOUGHT. I'M USED TO NOISE. THEY CALL THEM CONTRACTS BY WHICH THE WOMAN WHO WAS POOR WOULD LEASE HER BODY TO THE WOMAN WHO WAS WELL-TO-DO. SPERM PURPORTEDLY TAKEN FROM THE HUSBAND OR THE MALE OF CHOICE OF THE WOMAN WHO IS BETTER OFF AND PLACED WITHIN THE HOST WOMAN'S BODY. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THEY DID IT BY SOME PROCEDURE OR THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY. BUT IN ANY CASE,... [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE, SENATOR. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...THE CHILD THAT WOULD BE BORN, WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO THE ONES WHO PURCHASED THAT CHILD BY RENTING THE BODY OF THIS POORER WOMAN. THEY CALL THEM SURROGATE CONTRACTS. AND I WILL GO INTO THIS A BIT MORE THE NEXT TIME I HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. AND, SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU ARE NEXT IN LINE TO SPEAK. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: A SURROGATE IS ONE WHO STANDS IN THE PLACE OF SOMEBODY ELSE. AND ONE THING THAT WAS CLEAR ABOUT THESE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH I FOUND TO BE VERY INAPPROPRIATE, A POOR

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WOMAN WOULD NEVER HAVE A SURROGATE AND A WEALTHY WOMAN WOULD NEVER BE ONE. IT WAS WHERE THE LOWER ORDERS ONCE AGAIN WERE DEPRIVED OF THEIR HUMANITY, THEIR HUMAN DIGNITY, AND SOCIETY ACCEPTED IT. SO, WHAT I DID, INSTEAD OF BRINGING LEGISLATION TO PROHIBIT PEOPLE FROM DOING WHATEVER THEY FELT THEY WANTED TO DO AS ADULTS, IT MADE THESE CONTRACTS...AND THEY WERE WRITTEN OUT JUST LIKE WHEN YOU BUY A CAR, OR IF MY COLLEAGUES ARE GOING TO SELL LIVESTOCK OR BUY LIVESTOCK OR BUY FARMLAND. WHEN YOU ENTER ONE OF THESE CONTRACTS TO PURCHASE THE SERVICES OR THE BODY OR RENT THE BODY OR RENT THE WOMB OF THIS POOR WOMAN, THAT CONTRACT COULD NOT BE ENFORCED IN NEBRASKA. IF THAT WOMAN CHANGED HER MIND, THAT IS THE ONLY THING REMAINING TO HER, MAYBE THE ONLY SHRED OF HUMAN DIGNITY THAT SHE RETAINED, THE RIGHT TO CHANGE HER MIND AND NOBODY COULD FORCE HER TO DO ANYTHING WITH REGARD TO THIS NEFARIOUS ARRANGEMENT. I WAS TOLD WHILE I WAS CONSIDERING LEGISLATION AND ARGUING AGAINST THIS ARRANGEMENT, THAT SOMETIMES SIBLINGS, SISTERS WOULD WANT TO ENTER THIS ARRANGEMENT AND ON AND ON. I SAID THEY CAN STILL DO THAT IF THEY WANT TO. IF THEY WANT TO JUMP OFF A BUILDING, THEY CAN DO IT. BUT THE STATE IS NOT GOING TO BE A PARTY TO IT AND THE STATE IS NOT GOING TO USE ITS COERCIVE POWER TO COMPEL ANYBODY TO DO THIS. AND MAYBE BECAUSE OF THE EXPERIENCE OF MY ANCESTORS, AND THOSE OF A CERTAIN RACE WILL HAVE A COLLECTIVE MEMORY, WERE ENSLAVED AND THEIR BODIES WERE TAKEN AGAINST THEIR WILL WHEN THEY WERE YOUNG GIRLS BY MEN SUCH AS THOMAS JEFFERSON, GEORGE WASHINGTON, AND THE ONES CALLED THE FOUNDING FATHERS, THE RIGHTEOUS ONES, THE CHRISTIAN ONES, THE ONES WHO MADE REFERENCE TO GOD IN THEIR CONSTITUTION, IN THEIR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. WHAT THEY WERE DECLARING IN THE CONSTITUTION WAS THEY HAD THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO DO ANYTHING WITH ANY BLACK WOMAN AND HER BODY THAT THEY CHOSE AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS DECLARING INDEPENDENCE OF EVERY MORAL AND RELIGIOUS AND ETHICAL RESTRAINT OR CONSTRAINT THAT WOULD KEEP THEM FROM SEXUALLY ABUSING THESE WOMEN AND THESE GIRLS. OH, YES, I HAVE A GREAT STORE OF BITTERNESS IN ME. WHY DO YOU THINK I'M NOT BLACK? BECAUSE SOME WHITE PERSON OR PERSONS JUMPED A FENCE AND POLLUTED THE BLOOD THAT IS IN MY VEINS TO THIS DAY. I HAVE A CONSTANT REMINDER. SO, WHENEVER I SEE ANYBODY PUT IN A SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE THOSE WHO ARE STRONGER OR MORE POWERFUL CAN COERCE THEM TO DO SOMETHING THAT DEGRADES THEM, I WILL DO WHATEVER I CAN TO STOP IT. AND THAT'S WHY I BRING THE KIND OF LEGISLATION THAT I DO AND OPPOSE THE KIND OF LEGISLATION THAT I DO. THAT'S A LONG WAY AROUND BUT IT BRINGS ME BACK TO THIS BAD BILL. THIS WHOLE... [LB88]

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PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE, SENATOR. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...APPROACH, NOT BY SENATOR CAMPBELL, ORIGINALLY, BUT NOW SHE KNOWS WHAT IT CONSISTS OF, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF PEOPLE WHO IN THE POLITICAL SYSTEM HAVE NOBODY, SO TO SPEAK, TO GO THEIR BOND, NOBODY TO SPEAK FOR THEM. THEY HOLD NO CONVENTIONS. THEY HAVE NO LIST OF OFFICERS. THEY'RE JUST INDIVIDUALIZED, ATOMIZED INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE TO ACCEPT WHATEVER IS PLACED UPON THEM. SO THERE HAVE TO BE SOME PEOPLE OR THERE HAS TO BE AT LEAST ONE PERSON WHO IS GOING TO SAY IF YOU DO IT, YOU MIGHT SUCCEED BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE NUMBERS, BUT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK TO DO IT. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE. SENATOR McCOLLISTER YESTERDAY IN RESPONSE TO SOME QUESTIONS FROM ME, ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS FEE BEHAVES IN THE WAY OF A TAX, WHICH WAS A WAY OF ACKNOWLEDGING THAT IT'S A TAX. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK SENATOR CAMPBELL A QUESTION SINCE SHE DECIDED TO CARRY THE BILL FOR THESE DISINGENUOUS COUNTY BOARDS. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR CAMPBELL, WOULD YOU YIELD? [LB88]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: CERTAINLY. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: SENATOR CAMPBELL, DO YOU RECOGNIZE A FEE AS BEING THE SAME AS A TAX? [LB88]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: SENATOR CHAMBERS, I WOULD PERSONALLY LOOK AT A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A TAX AND A FEE. BUT I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT PROBABLY MOST CITIZENS ACROSS THE STATE LOOK AT FEES AND TAXES SOMEWHAT SYNONYMOUSLY BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THEY HAVE TO PAY. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: IS THERE ANY TAX THAT YOU WOULD DESCRIBE AS A TAX WHICH YOU WOULD VOTE TO INCREASE MORE THAN 300 PERCENT AT ONE FELL SWOOP? [LB88]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: SENATOR CHAMBERS, IT WOULD BE DEPENDENT UPON HOW LONG IT HAD BEEN SINCE WE LOOKED AT THAT FEE. AND FEES ARE

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SUPPOSED TO REFLECT, I BELIEVE, THE COST OF WHAT IT TAKES BECAUSE MOST FEES ARE BASED ON A USER FEE, SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL IT BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO TELL THE TRUTH. BUT I'M SAYING, SOMETHING THAT YOU WOULD RECOGNIZE AS BEING A TAX, CAN YOU THINK OF ANY SUCH TAX THAT YOU WOULD VOTE TO INCREASE BY MORE THAN 300 PERCENT? [LB88]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: I AM ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE, SENATOR CHAMBERS, THAT NEVER SAYS NEVER. I TRY TO TAKE A LOOK AT EACH SITUATION. I WOULD DO SOME FAIRLY THOROUGH LOOKING AT THAT. BUT I AM NOT GOING TO SAY I WOULD NEVER DO THAT. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: UNDER ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, WOULD YOU? [LB88]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: UNDER ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES I WOULD STILL TAKE THE TIME TO LOOK AT IT AND SEE IF IT WAS WARRANTED. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO ASK SENATOR JOHNSON A QUESTION. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR JOHNSON, WOULD YOU YIELD? [LB88]

SENATOR JOHNSON: YES, I WILL. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: SENATOR JOHNSON, IS THERE ANY KIND OF TAX YOU CAN THINK OF THAT YOU WOULD VOTE TO INCREASE BY MORE THAN 300 PERCENT? [LB88]

SENATOR JOHNSON: SOME TAXES ARE RAISED BECAUSE OF VALUATION AND IT COULD AUTOMATICALLY INCREASE IT TO THAT LEVEL. BUT WE ARE DEALING WITH THAT NOW. NORMALLY, I WOULD NOT SUPPORT ANYTHING LIKE THAT. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: AND WOULD YOU, IF THE VOTE WAS STATED IN THIS MANNER, WE ARE GOING TO INCREASE THIS TAX BY 300 PERCENT. IF YOU VOTE YES, THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE DOING. IF IT IS PRESENTED LIKE THAT, WOULD YOU VOTE YES FOR IT? [LB88]

SENATOR JOHNSON: WELL, I WOULD NOT...I'M NOT GOING TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS BILL. [LB88]

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: OH, THAT ENDS MY QUESTIONING. THANK YOU, SENATOR JOHNSON. [LB88]

SENATOR JOHNSON: THANK YOU. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: VERY GOOD ANSWER, VERY WISE PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, YOU ALL KNOW WHAT I'M GETTING AT AND THE DIFFICULTY THAT SENATOR CAMPBELL HAD ANSWERING LETS ALL OF US KNOW WHAT IT IS WE'RE DEALING WITH. SHE'S BRINGING THE BILL, AND I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT WE ALL KNOW WHAT THIS IS. AND IT IS A VERY BAD BEGINNING. YOU ARE NOT GOING TO HURT THESE COUNTIES IF YOU DON'T PASS THIS BILL. I DON'T HAVE A BILL, BUT I MAY OFFER AN AMENDMENT WHEN WE GET AROUND TO AMENDMENTS BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE YOU ALL TALK ABOUT THIS BILL AND JOIN ME IN RUNNING THE CLOCK DOWN. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: BUT I WANT TO GET ALL OF MY MOTIONS DONE FIRST TO SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE. I MAY TRY TO AMEND THIS BILL TO ALLOW A FEE OF ONLY \$3 SO THAT IT'S ONLY A TOKEN AMOUNT SO THAT NOBODY CAN SAY THAT, NOT THE RIGHT BUT THE OBLIGATION TO PURCHASE A PIECE OF PAPER THAT THE STATE REQUIRES YOU TO GET IN ORDER TO BE IN A STATUS THAT THE STATE REQUIRES YOU TO BE IN BEFORE CERTAIN RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES ACCRUE, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE TO PAY AN OUTLANDISH FEE TO UNDERTAKE THAT TYPE OF SITUATION THAT ACCRUES AS A RESULT OF BEING MARRIED. AND I WON'T GO BEYOND THE TIME, MR. CHAIR, SO I'LL STOP AT THIS POINT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. THAT WAS YOUR THIRD TIME. SEEING NO OTHER SENATORS WISHING TO SPEAK, SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO CLOSE ON YOUR MOTION. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE. SINCE I KNOW HOW THE VOTE IS GOING TO GO, I HAVE MY NEXT MOTION PREPARED WHICH IS TO RECONSIDER. SO, BEFORE I ALLOW YOU TO GET TO YOUR AMENDMENTS BECAUSE FOR SOME REASON SOME OF YOU ALL THINK ONCE YOU GET TO THOSE AMENDMENTS YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO WHIP ME AND I WANT TO SEE THAT HAPPEN BECAUSE I DON'T BELIEVE IT IS GOING TO HAPPEN. I JUST DON'T BELIEVE IT. YOU CAN'T MAKE ME BELIEVE IT JUST LIKE SENATOR BLOOMFIELD FINALLY MADE ME BELIEVE THAT I CAN'T SHAKE HIS SUPPORT FOR DOING AWAY WITH THIS BILL. SO I WON'T EVEN TRY ANYMORE. THIS THAT I'M DOING COULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU HAVE SENSE ENOUGH TO PAY ATTENTION. SOME PEOPLE THINK THAT

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BECAUSE THEY'RE IN THE MAJORITY TODAY ON AN ISSUE, IT'S GOING TO BE THAT WAY ALL THE TIME. BUT BECAUSE I'M ALWAYS OUTGUNNED AND OUTNUMBERED AND MY ONLY CHANCE IS FOUND IN THE RULES, I CONSIDER THE WORST CIRCUMSTANCES I CAN BE IN ON THIS FLOOR AND FORMULATE IN MY MIND AN APPROACH I CAN TAKE UNDER THE RULES. SOMEBODY SAID IF YOU ARE ON THIN ICE, YOUR SALVATION IS IN SKATING VERY FAST--RALPH WALDO EMERSON. SINCE I KNOW WHAT THE VOTE IS GOING TO BE, I KNOW YOU HAVE SHACKLED YOURSELF TO AN UNWISE, IMPRUDENT POSITION. I KNOW THAT YOU ARE A VICTIM OF THE HOBGOBLIN OF LITTLE MINDS, WHICH IS A MINDLESS CONSISTENCY. I CANNOT BREAK THOSE CHAINS. I CANNOT COMPEL YOU TO BE FREE IF YOU CHOOSE TO BE ENSLAVED. BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT THERE IS A ROAD TO FREEDOM IF YOU WANT TO SET YOUR FEET UPON THAT ROAD AND WALK IT. BUT SOME PEOPLE WOULD RATHER REMAIN ENSLAVED BECAUSE IF YOU TELL THEM I CAN SHOW YOU A PLACE OF FREEDOM AND THEY WILL SAY, WHAT PLACE COULD BE BETTER THAN HERE? SO THOSE WHO WANT TO REMAIN SHACKLED TO THIS BAD BILL, CHOOSE YOUR POISON. BUT I HAVE THE ANTIDOTE. THERE IS A SONG WHICH I'M NOT GOING TO SING. BUT EVERY NOW AND THEN WHILE I'M TALKING TO PEOPLE, THINGS COME INTO MY MIND. I SEE SOMEBODY TO MY LEFT WITH A PURPLE SHIRT. I SAW SOMEBODY WITH A GREEN NECKTIE AND IT MADE ME THINK OF A SONG AND IT SAID GET RID OF THAT...I HAVE TO GET IT RIGHT. GET RID OF THAT RUNNY NOSE, THAT HACKING COUGH, THAT SNEEZE, THAT WHEEZE, AND OTHER MISERIES. GET THE WONDER DRUG THAT CURES ALL YOUR ILLS. GET JEREMIAH PEABODY'S POLYUNSATURATED, QUICK-DISSOLVING, FAST-ACTING, PLEASANT-TASTING GREEN AND PURPLE PILLS. OH, YES, LITTLE GREEN AND PURPLE PILLS. WHEN YOU HAVE AS MUCH AGE AS I HAVE, THINGS DISTRACT YOU. BUT IF YOU HAVE AS MUCH CONTROL OF YOUR SENSES AS I HAVE, YOU WILL NOT BE DISTRACTED FROM WHAT IT IS... [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...THAT YOU INTEND TO DO. YOU WON'T FORGET WHERE YOU WERE GOING TO GO. SO I HAVE PREPARED MY NEXT MOTION, AND IT'S A MOTION TO RECONSIDER. AND I WILL TELL YOU WHAT PAGE IN THE RULE BOOK YOU CAN GO TO IF YOU WANT TO BE ABLE TO PREDICT WHERE I'M LIKELY TO GO. THAT PAGE IS 49. AND JUST REMEMBER THIS, BECAUSE YOU'RE ON TOP TODAY, DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO BE ON TOP ALL THE TIME. YOU MAY BE ON THE SHORT END AND WONDER WHAT CAN YOU DO TO FIGHT BACK. I'M GIVING YOU THE BLUEPRINT BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PAY ATTENTION. AND AT THAT POINT WHEN IT HITS YOU, I'LL SAY IGNORANCE OF THE LAW HERE IS NO EXCUSE. MR. PRESIDENT, I WILL ASK FOR A CALL OF THE HOUSE AND A ROLL CALL VOTE. [LB88]

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PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. THERE'S BEEN A REQUEST TO PLACE THE HOUSE UNDER CALL. THE QUESTION IS, SHALL THE HOUSE GO UNDER CALL? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; ALL THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. RECORD, PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB88]

CLERK: 34 AYES, 0 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, TO PLACE THE HOUSE UNDER CALL. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THE HOUSE IS UNDER CALL. SENATORS, PLEASE RECORD YOUR PRESENCE. THOSE UNEXCUSED SENATORS OUTSIDE THE CHAMBER PLEASE RETURN TO THE CHAMBER AND RECORD YOUR PRESENCE. ALL UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL PLEASE LEAVE THE FLOOR. THE HOUSE IS UNDER CALL. SENATORS SCHEER, BOLZ, COASH, AND GARRETT, THE HOUSE IS UNDER CALL. ALL MEMBERS ARE PRESENT. MR. CLERK, PLEASE PROCEED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE. [LB88]

CLERK: (ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGES 336-337.) 5 AYES, 39 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, ON THE MOTION TO RECOMMIT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. THE MOTION IS NOT ADOPTED. MR. CLERK. THE CALL IS RAISED. ITEMS FOR THE RECORD, MR. CLERK. [LB88]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, A NEW RESOLUTION: SENATOR COASH OFFERS LR46. THAT WILL BE LAID OVER AT THIS TIME. HEARING NOTICE FROM THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. COMMITTEE REPORTS: YOUR COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION CHAIRED BY SENATOR SMITH REPORTS LB94 AND LB122 TO GENERAL FILE. REVENUE COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY SENATOR GLOOR REPORTS LB52 AND LB260 TO GENERAL FILE AND LB261 TO GENERAL FILE WITH AMENDMENTS. BUSINESS AND LABOR COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY SENATOR BURKE HARR REPORTS LB271 TO GENERAL FILE WITH AMENDMENTS. I ALSO HAVE CONFIRMATION REPORTS FROM THE BUSINESS AND LABOR COMMITTEE AND THE REVENUE COMMITTEES, MR. PRESIDENT. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGES 337-339.) [LR46 LB94 LB122 LB52 LB260 LB261 LB271]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. SENATORS WILL STAND AT EASE AT THIS TIME.

SPEAKER HADLEY PRESIDING

SPEAKER HADLEY: (VISITORS INTRODUCED.) THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES SENATOR HOWARD FOR A MOTION.

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SENATOR HOWARD: I MOVE THAT A COMMITTEE OF FIVE BE APPOINTED TO ESCORT THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT AND MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COURT TO THE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELIVERING THE STATE OF THE JUDICIARY ADDRESS.

SPEAKER HADLEY: THANK YOU. THE MOTION BEFORE YOU IS TO SELECT A COMMITTEE OF FIVE TO ESCORT THE CHIEF JUSTICE. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. ALL THOSE OPPOSED SAY NAY. MOTION IS ADOPTED. THE CHAIR APPOINTS THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE: SENATORS COASH, EBKE, HOWARD, SCHUMACHER, AND SEILER. WILL THE ESCORT COMMITTEE PLEASE RETIRE TO THE REAR OF THE CHAMBER. THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES THE SERGEANT AT ARMS.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: MR. SPEAKER, YOUR COMMITTEE NOW ESCORTING NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE MIKE HEAVICAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COURT.

SPEAKER HADLEY: THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES CHIEF JUSTICE MICHAEL HEAVICAN.

MIKE HEAVICAN: THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. MR. PRESIDENT, MR. SPEAKER, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, AND FELLOW JUSTICES OF THE NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY, AND SPECIFICALLY THANK SPEAKER GALEN HADLEY, FOR INVITING ME TO ADDRESS YOU THIS MORNING. IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME TO REPORT ON THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE JUDICIAL BRANCH DURING THE PAST YEAR AND TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE COURTS. FIRST, LET ME INTRODUCE MY FELLOW JUSTICES. TO MY IMMEDIATE RIGHT IS JUSTICE JOHN WRIGHT OF SCOTTSBLUFF. NEXT TO JUSTICE WRIGHT IS JUSTICE KENNETH STEPHAN OF LINCOLN. TO MY IMMEDIATE LEFT IS JUSTICE LINDSEY MILLER-LERMAN OF OMAHA. AND TO JUSTICE MILLER-LERMAN'S LEFT IS JUSTICE WILLIAM CASSEL OF O'NEILL. JUSTICE WILLIAM CONNOLLY OF HASTINGS AND JUSTICE MICHAEL McCORMACK OF OMAHA ARE UNABLE TO BE WITH US THIS MORNING. TODAY I WILL SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT CHANGE IN THE JUDICIAL BRANCH'S SERVICE TO CHILDREN IN THE COURTS, SENTENCING ALTERNATIVES, GUARDIANSHIPS, AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACROSS NEBRASKA. THROUGHOUT THE NATION STATES ARE REFORMING THEIR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS. HERE IN NEBRASKA, YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE CHARGED IN JUVENILE COURT WITH BREAKING THE LAW AND STATUS OFFENSES ARE THE FOCUS OF OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. WITH THE PASSAGE OF LB561 IN 2013 IN LINE WITH THOSE NATIONAL REFORM EFFORTS, THE LEGISLATURE TRANSFERRED TO THE OFFICE OF PROBATION ADMINISTRATION, A DIVISION OF THE NEBRASKA COURT SYSTEM, THE

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RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPERVISION OF MOST OF THESE JUVENILE LAW VIOLATORS. PREVIOUSLY, THESE JUVENILES WERE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND WERE FREQUENTLY MADE WARDS OF THE STATE IN ORDER TO GAIN ACCESS TO REHABILITATIVE SERVICES. THIS SHIFT IN DIRECTION IS BASED ON THESE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES: FIRST, FEWER YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE MADE WARDS OF THE STATE, BE INCARCERATED, OR PLACED IN GROUP HOMES; SECOND, MORE YOUTH SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH TREATMENT IN THEIR HOMES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES; THIRD, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS SHOULD ALWAYS BE INVOLVED IN THEIR CHILDREN'S REHABILITATION; AND FOURTH, LOCAL COMMUNITY PROVIDERS OF MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND OTHER SERVICES SHOULD BE UTILIZED WHENEVER POSSIBLE. IN NEBRASKA, APPROXIMATELY 1,000 FEWER JUVENILES ARE STATE WARDS TODAY THAN IN 2012, AND THE NUMBER OF SERVICE PROVIDERS AROUND THE STATE HAS INCREASED OVER 45 PERCENT. I NOTE SEVERAL PROJECTS DESERVING SPECIAL RECOGNITION. THE FIRST OF THOSE PROJECTS IS THE CROSSOVER PROGRAM IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, WHICH SUCCESSFULLY REDIRECTED APPROXIMATELY 170 CHILDREN FROM THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM LAST YEAR. THE CROSSOVER PROGRAM IDENTIFIES CHILDREN WHO FALL UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF BOTH THE CHILD WELFARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS. RATHER THAN HAVING A CHILD SIMULTANEOUSLY GO THROUGH TWO SYSTEMS, THE CROSSOVER PROGRAM PROVIDES A WAY TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF BOTH THE CHILD AND THE SYSTEMS TOGETHER. THIS ENABLES US TO FOCUS ON THE REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES WITHOUT REDUNDANT HEARINGS AND DUPLICATIVE SUPERVISION. IN THE PAST YEAR GAGE, LANCASTER, AND DODGE COUNTIES INITIATED SIMILAR CROSSOVER PROGRAMS. SARPY COUNTY WILL DO SO THIS YEAR. PROBATION SUPPORTS THE EFFORTS OF EACH OF THESE COUNTIES AND, AS PRESCRIBED BY LAST YEAR'S LB464, WILL PROVIDE LEADERSHIP AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO CROSSOVER PROJECTS IN OTHER COUNTIES IN THE STATE. IN ANOTHER PROMISING PROGRAM, SENATOR BOB KRIST AND STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR COREY STEEL ARE PART OF A COMMITTEE WORKING WITH THE NATIONAL JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVE INITIATIVE, KNOWN AS JDAI. THAT COMMITTEE IS EXAMINING STATEWIDE JUVENILE DETENTION PRACTICES IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT ONLY THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO POSE A TRUE COMMUNITY SAFETY RISK ARE INCARCERATED. THIS NATIONAL INITIATIVE SEEKS TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION SO THAT A JUVENILE'S DELINQUENT BEHAVIOR CAN BE MORE APPROPRIATELY ADDRESSED. THE PILOT SITES IN DOUGLAS AND SARPY COUNTIES HAVE HAD GREAT SUCCESS IN REDUCING THE NUMBER OF JUVENILES IN DETENTION. WHEN DOUGLAS COUNTY BEGAN JDAI IN 2011, ITS DETENTION CENTER AVERAGED NEARLY 200 JUVENILES DAILY. BUT THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF JDAI, THE DAILY AVERAGE HAS BEEN

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REDUCED BY APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT. LIKEWISE, SARPY COUNTY'S STAFF-SECURE FACILITY HAD PREVIOUSLY HOUSED BETWEEN 20 AND 25 JUVENILES PER DAY, BUT NOW ALSO AVERAGES HALF THAT NUMBER. THAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY COUNTY, STATE, AND PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AS WELL AS THE LEGISLATURE'S LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING FUNDING FOR COUNTIES TO DEVELOP DETENTION ALTERNATIVES. SIMILARLY, IN 2011 NEARLY 450 BOYS WERE ADMITTED TO THE YOUTH REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT CENTER AT KEARNEY; IN 2014, THAT NUMBER WAS APPROXIMATELY 175. IN 2011, 140 GIRLS WERE ADMITTED TO YRTC AT GENEVA; IN 2014, THAT NUMBER WAS APPROXIMATELY 50. THIS SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE EFFORTS OF OUR JUVENILE COURTS AND PROBATION STAFF, PROVIDING INTERVENTION AND TREATMENT SERVICES CLOSER TO HOME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES. HOWEVER, MANY...THANK YOU. HOWEVER, MANY CHALLENGES REMAIN, SPECIFICALLY PROBATION'S LIMITED ACCESS TO FEDERAL PROGRAMS SUCH AS MEDICAID AND TITLE IV-E REIMBURSEMENTS. THIS PROMOTES OVERRELIANCE ON THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND RATHER THAN MAXIMIZING FEDERAL DOLLARS ALREADY AVAILABLE TO NEBRASKA. ALSO, FOSTER CARE, ESPECIALLY IN GREATER NEBRASKA, IS BADLY NEEDED. THE JUDICIARY AND THE PROBATION SYSTEM SUPPORT STATE PLANNING EFFORTS AND LEGISLATION TO RECTIFY BOTH OF THESE ISSUES. THE COURTS AND PROBATION ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN ADULT CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM. THIS PAST YEAR THE JUDICIAL BRANCH, IN COOPERATION WITH YOU, THE LEGISLATURE, AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND OTHER STATE INSTITUTIONS, PARTICIPATED IN THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENT'S JUSTICE REINVESTMENT WORKING GROUP. CSG'S COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF NEBRASKA'S ADULT CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM OFFERS NEW STRATEGIES AND POLICY REFORMS INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE STATE'S DELIVERY OF JUSTICE SERVICES. PARTICULARLY WORTH MENTIONING IS CSG'S FINDING THAT PEOPLE SENTENCED TO PROBATION HAVE LOWER RECIDIVISM RATES THAN PEOPLE SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR SIMILAR OFFENSES. CSG ALSO EMPHASIZED THE VALUE OF INCREASING THE USE OF SENTENCING ALTERNATIVES. TODAY I WILL SPEAK ABOUT TWO EFFECTIVE SENTENCING ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE IN OUR COURTS. BECAUSE 80 PERCENT OR MORE OF THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM STRUGGLE WITH ALCOHOL OR DRUG ABUSE, BOTH OF THESE SENTENCING ALTERNATIVES TARGET ADULT OFFENDERS WHOSE CRIMINALITY OFTEN CORRELATES TO THEIR USE OF ALCOHOL AND DRUGS. THE FIRST SENTENCING ALTERNATIVE IS PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS. THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL AND COST-EFFECTIVE RESPONSES TO THE PROBLEM OF ADDICTION AND ASSOCIATED CRIME, BOTH NATIONALLY AND IN NEBRASKA. THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE IS THE SPECIALIZED SUBSTANCE ABUSE SUPERVISION PROGRAM, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS SSAS. HOWEVER, AS

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MENTIONED IN THE CSG REPORT, WHILE BOTH SSAS AND PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS ARE SHOWING POSITIVE OUTCOMES, THEY ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN ALL AREAS OF THE STATE. FIRST, I WILL ADDRESS PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS. NEBRASKA CURRENTLY HAS 16 PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS INCLUDING DRUG, YOUNG ADULT, AND DUI COURTS THAT SERVED OVER 1,000 PEOPLE IN 2014. ASSUMING THAT HALF THESE INDIVIDUALS WOULD HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO INCARCERATION, THE COST SAVINGS TO TAXPAYERS WAS A MINIMUM OF \$15 MILLION. A 2012 STATEWIDE EVALUATION OF NEBRASKA'S DRUG COURTS REPORTED THAT 95 PERCENT OF THOSE WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE PROGRAM REMAINED CRIME FREE ONE YEAR POST GRADUATION. DRUG COURTS EMPHASIZE EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT. THIS HAS RESULTED IN 95 PERCENT OF ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS BEING GAINFULLY EMPLOYED OR ATTENDING SCHOOL FULL TIME. THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE I MENTIONED IS THE SSAS PROGRAM. SSAS PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHERWISE PRISON-BOUND SUBSTANCE ABUSERS TO BE INTENSIVELY SUPERVISED BY PROBATION WHILE RECEIVING TREATMENT. LIKE PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS, SSAS HAS BEEN SHOWN TO LOWER RECIDIVISM. LAST YEAR I REPORTED THAT 91 PERCENT OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE SUCCESSFULLY DISCHARGED FROM SSAS IN 2013 CONTINUED TO REMAIN CRIME FREE ONE YEAR LATER. THIS TREND HAS NOT CHANGED. SSAS PARTICIPANTS ALSO HAVE A VERY HIGH RATE OF EMPLOYMENT, WITH AN AVERAGE OF 94 PERCENT OF SSAS GRADUATES GAINFULLY EMPLOYED. IN 2014, LB907 WAS ENACTED AUTHORIZING 16 NEW SSAS OFFICERS. ADDING THESE OFFICERS HAS DOUBLED THE CAPACITY OF THE SSAS PROGRAM. IT WILL COST JUST UNDER \$2.5 MILLION TO SUPERVISE INDIVIDUALS WITHIN SSAS THIS YEAR, WHICH IS A SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS WHEN COMPARED TO THE COST OF INCARCERATION. THANK YOU TO SENATORS KRIST, MELLO, AND COOK FOR ASSISTING WITH THIS LEGISLATION. BECAUSE OF LB907, PROBATION WAS NOT ONLY ABLE TO EXPAND SSAS, BUT WAS ALSO ABLE TO OPEN NEW REPORTING CENTERS IN GRAND ISLAND, COLUMBUS, AND NORFOLK. THIS BROUGHT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTING CENTERS ACROSS THE STATE TO 11. THESE REPORTING CENTERS, LOCATED IN SARPY, OTOE, DOUGLAS, LANCASTER, DAWSON, BUFFALO, DAKOTA, SCOTTS BLUFF, PLATTE, HALL, AND MADISON COUNTIES, OFFER OVER 150 REHABILITATIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE UNDER SUPERVISION. LB907 ALSO PROVIDES FUNDING TO BEGIN TO IDENTIFY MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES FREQUENTLY SUFFERED BY INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. PREVIOUSLY UNAVAILABLE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES WERE MADE ACCESSIBLE TO PROBATIONERS, PROBLEM-SOLVING COURT PARTICIPANTS, AND PAROLEES WHO WERE IN NEED OF TREATMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SIX BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REGIONS AND NUMEROUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES WHO HAVE JOINED WITH PROBATION TO INCREASE ACCESS TO THESE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES. OF

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PARTICULAR NOTE ARE THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES NOW AVAILABLE IN RURAL AREAS THANKS TO VIDEO TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER AND BOYS TOWN WHICH HAVE AGREED TO ASSIST US IN GREATER NEBRASKA. WHETHER THROUGH SENTENCING ALTERNATIVES, SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS, SERVICES, OR TECHNOLOGY, THE COURTS AND PROBATION CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE WITH YOU AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. WE ALSO WORK WITH BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES TO CONFRONT THESE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES AS WE STRIVE TO IMPROVE THE LIVES AND SAFETY OF ALL NEBRASKANS. I WILL NOW BRIEFLY TURN TO LEGAL GUARDIANSHIPS IN NEBRASKA. BOTH THE LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES TOOK STEPS IN 2014 TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF SOME OF NEBRASKA'S MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS: THAT IS, INCAPACITATED OR DEPENDENT ADULTS AND CHILDREN. DURING THE 2014 SESSION, THE LEGISLATURE APPROVED THE PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP ACT. PRIOR TO THE PASSAGE OF THE ACT, A SUITABLE GUARDIAN WAS NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE WHEN NEEDED. THE CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC GUARDIAN CHANGES THAT. A SPECIAL THANKS TO SENATOR COASH FOR THE SPONSORSHIP OF LB920, ALONG WITH SENATORS BRASCH, DAVIS, SCHILZ, SEILER, WATERMEIER, AND SEVERAL FORMER SENATORS WHO WORKED TO MAKE THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC GUARDIAN A REALITY. THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR HAS HIRED A DIRECTOR FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC GUARDIAN, WHO IS CURRENTLY WORKING TO CARRY OUT THE CHARGE IT WAS GIVEN. THE WORK WILL BE EXPEDITED TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE TO PREPARE FOR APPOINTMENTS YET THIS YEAR. THE OFFICE WILL ALSO RECRUIT, EDUCATE, AND SUPPORT CURRENT AND FUTURE GUARDIANS AND CONSERVATORS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEBRASKA. I WILL NOW DISCUSS ACCESS TO JUSTICE. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH NEBRASKA'S COUNTY OFFICIALS IN EXPLORING INNOVATIVE WAYS TO PROVIDE CONSISTENT ACCESS TO ALL OUR COURTS. THE JUDICIAL BRANCH HAS ESTABLISHED A PILOT PROGRAM IN POLK COUNTY WHERE THE COUNTY COURT CLERK MAGISTRATE, WHO IS A STATE EMPLOYEE, WILL ALSO SERVE AS THE COUNTY'S CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT. THE PROGRAM'S GOAL IS TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY BY OFFERING ALL COURT CLERK SERVICES WITHIN ONE OFFICE. THIS PROGRAM WAS INITIATED BY THE COUNTY AND IS THE RESULT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN COUNTY OFFICIALS, AREA JUDGES, AND JUDICIAL BRANCH STAFF. THE PILOT PROJECT WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH STATE LEGISLATION PASSED SEVERAL YEARS AGO, WHICH ALLOWS COUNTY OFFICIALS AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS TO WORK TOGETHER TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL COURT OFFICE FUNCTIONS. THIS TYPE OF INNOVATION IS POSSIBLE DUE TO NEBRASKA'S STATEWIDE COMPUTERIZED COURT CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, KNOWN AS JUSTICE. WE ARE FORTUNATE TO BE ONE

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OF THE FEW STATES THAT HAS ESTABLISHED A STATEWIDE SYSTEM WHICH ENABLES US TO SHARE AND ANALYZE CASE INFORMATION ACROSS JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES AND PROMOTES CONSISTENCY FOR ATTORNEYS AND CITIZENS WHO INTERACT WITH THE COURTS. LAST YEAR MARKED THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCEPTION OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. ONE OF THE MANY BENEFITS OF A STATEWIDE CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IS THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE ON-LINE ACCESS TO COURT RECORDS 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK, 365 DAYS A YEAR. THIS ACCESS ALLOWS PEOPLE TO ATTEND TO COURT BUSINESS ON THEIR OWN SCHEDULES AND REDUCES THE TIME IT TAKES FOR COURT STAFF TO PROCESS DATA AND PAYMENTS. AVAILABLE ON-LINE SERVICES INCLUDE THE ABILITY TO PAY TRAFFIC TICKETS AND COURT FINES AND CONDUCT COURT CASE INFORMATION SEARCHES. COURT DOCUMENTS CAN CONVENIENTLY BE E-FILED AND VIEWED ON-LINE INSTEAD OF NECESSITATING TRAVEL TO ONE OF NEBRASKA'S 93 COURTHOUSES. AN AVERAGE OF 16,000 PAYMENTS ON CIVIL, CRIMINAL, AND TRAFFIC CASES TOTALING OVER \$1.5 MILLION ARE MADE ON-LINE EACH MONTH. AND EACH MONTH NEARLY 40,000 DOCUMENTS ARE E-FILED BY ATTORNEYS AND LITIGANTS. THIS USE OF TECHNOLOGY RESULTS IN NUMEROUS EFFICIENCIES WITHIN THE COURT SYSTEM, REDUCING STAFF TIME AND ULTIMATELY BENEFITING ALL NEBRASKA'S CITIZENS. BUT THESE ACCESS SUCCESS STORIES ARE COUNTERBALANCED BY ACCESS CHALLENGES. A MAJOR CHALLENGE IS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE NEEDING OR CHOOSING TO REPRESENT THEMSELVES IN COURT. SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS ARE OFTEN UNFAMILIAR WITH THE LAW AND COURT PROCESSES AND FREQUENTLY FIND THEMSELVES AT A DISADVANTAGE WHEN NAVIGATING THE COURT SYSTEM. THE SUPREME COURT'S COMMITTEE ON SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGATION HAS SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS DEVELOPING FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO ASSIST THESE INDIVIDUALS. THIS YEAR THE COMMITTEE WAS AWARDED A GRANT FROM THE CENTER ON COURT ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL TO CONDUCT A STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS. COURT OF APPEALS' CHIEF JUDGE FRANKIE MOORE OF NORTH PLATTE HAS ASSEMBLED A PLANNING COMMITTEE WHICH INCLUDES ALL ENTITIES OFFERING FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO LOW-INCOME NEBRASKANS AND OTHERS WHO CHOOSE TO REPRESENT THEMSELVES IN COURT. WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO PARTNER WITH LEGAL AID, THE NEBRASKA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, NEBRASKA'S PUBLIC LIBRARIES, AND BOTH THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA COLLEGE OF LAW AND CREIGHTON LAW SCHOOL IN ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES. ALTHOUGH WE ARE MAKING GREAT STRIDES, ONE FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE INCREASE IN SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGATION IN MANY AREAS OF NEBRASKA IS A LACK OF ATTORNEYS. LAST YEAR MEMBERS OF THIS BODY ADDED IMPORTANT LANGUAGE TO LB907, ALLOWING RURAL ATTORNEYS IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE WITH STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT.

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WE HAVE GREAT HOPES THAT THIS TYPE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WILL BE OF MUTUAL BENEFIT TO OUR NEWLY GRADUATED ATTORNEYS AND TO OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES. AGAIN, I APPLAUD THE RECENT EFFORTS OF THE LEGISLATURE IN THE PASSAGE OF LB907. IN PREVIOUS YEARS I HAVE ALSO CALLED YOUR ATTENTION TO THE INCREASING NEED FOR LANGUAGE ACCESS IN OUR COURTS. THE JUDICIAL BRANCH CONTINUES TO CONTEND WITH THE NEED FOR MORE LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION SERVICES. PURSUANT TO STATE STATUTE, INTERPRETERS ARE USED FOR ALL APPROPRIATE COURT PROCEEDINGS IN BOTH CRIMINAL AND CIVIL CASES. INTERPRETATION IS FREQUENTLY NECESSARY NOT ONLY FOR DEFENDANTS, BUT FOR VICTIMS, WITNESSES, PARENTS OF JUVENILES, AND THOSE INTERACTING WITH PROBATION. IN 2014, WE SUPPLIED INTERPRETERS IN 46 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES FOR APPROXIMATELY 24,000 APPOINTMENTS IN COURTROOMS AND PROBATION OFFICES ACROSS THE STATE. THIS IS AN INCREASE OF 20 PERCENT OVER OUR 2013 NUMBERS. SPANISH REMAINS THE LANGUAGE OF GREATEST DEMAND FOR INTERPRETATION SERVICES. AFTER SPANISH, OUR MOST USED LANGUAGES ARE NUER, ARABIC, VIETNAMESE, SOMALI, AND AMERICAN SIGN. NEW TO NEBRASKA'S COURTS THIS PAST YEAR WERE BENGALI AND TELUGU, SPOKEN IN INDIA; KIRUNDI, A BANTU LANGUAGE SPOKEN IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA; AND SORANI, A KURDISH DIALECT SPOKEN IN IRAN AND IRAQ. LAST YEAR I REPORTED TO YOU THAT NEBRASKA'S JUDICIAL BRANCH WAS GROWING, WAS DYNAMIC, AND WAS BUSY. THIS PAST YEAR, WE WERE BUSIER AND EVEN MORE DYNAMIC. OUR JUDGES AND OUR COURT, PROBATION STAFF REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE AMERICAN VALUES OF EQUAL PROTECTION, DUE PROCESS OF LAW, AND EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL OUR CITIZENS. THE SUPREME COURT IS PROUD OF THE MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR COURT FAMILY. WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT THE LEGISLATURE HAS PROVIDED TO THE JUDICIAL BRANCH, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU, OUR CONSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS, IN SERVING NEBRASKA IN 2015. AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY. THANK YOU.

SPEAKER HADLEY: WILL THE COMMITTEE PLEASE ESCORT THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND THE MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COURT FROM THE CHAMBER. MR. CLERK.

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, SOME ITEMS FOR THE RECORD: YOUR COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY GIVES NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FEBRUARY 6. SELECT FILE BILLS: LB35, LB92, LB93 LB95, LB150, LB151, LB170, LB171, LB99, LB100, LB65, AND LB142, ALL REPORTED TO SELECT FILE, SOME HAVING ENROLLMENT AND REVIEW AMENDMENTS ATTACHED. I ALSO HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST FILING FROM SENATOR BOLZ. THAT WILL BE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE.

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MR. PRESIDENT, RETURNING TO LB88. WHEN THE LEGISLATURE LEFT THE ISSUE, SENATOR CHAMBERS HAD OFFERED A MOTION TO REREFER. THAT MOTION WAS DEFEATED. SENATOR CHAMBERS WOULD NOW MOVE TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE WITH RESPECT TO REREFERRAL OF LB88 TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON YOUR MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE TO RECOMMEND TO COMMITTEE FILE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, I DON'T PARTICIPATE IN THE CEREMONIES THAT OCCUR, SO MY ABSENCE FROM THE CHAMBER WHILE THE CHIEF JUSTICE SPOKE IS NO REFLECTION ON HIM, BECAUSE IN MY OFFICE I LISTENED TO WHAT HE SAID. AND TO USE THAT OLD CLICHE, I HUNG UPON EVERY WORD. BUT HERE IS SOMETHING THAT I DIDN'T CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO BEFORE IT OCCURRED. I WAS GOING TO HAVE SOME ASSISTANCE IN RUNNING OUT THE CLOCK THIS MORNING FROM SOMEBODY WHO IS NOT EVEN A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE. NOW NO OTHER SENATOR IS ABLE TO PULL THESE KINDS OF THINGS OFF. WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT WHEN WE STARTED THIS MORNING I WAS GOING TO HAVE ASSISTANCE FROM THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT IN HELPING ME RUN OUT THE CLOCK? WHAT YOU SENATORS WHO ARE NEW SHOULD GATHER FROM ALL OF THIS THAT WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE IS A WAY. AS LONG AS TIME REMAINS ON THE CLOCK, ALL IS NOT LOST. A POINT MAY BE REACHED AT THIS PARTICULAR STAGE OF THE GAME WHEN THE OTHER TEAM GETS THE BALL AND YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET IT BACK BEFORE THIS STAGE IS LEFT, IN OTHER WORDS, THE END OF THE FIRST QUARTER OR THE HALF OR WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE. BUT THAT IS NOT THE END OF THE GAME. HERE, THERE ARE THREE STAGES WHERE DEBATE CAN OCCUR. IN THE OLD, OLD DAYS, BEFORE ANYBODY IN THIS ROOM WAS A GLEAM IN HIS OR HER PARENT'S EYE, WHEN YOU REACHED FINAL READING, DEBATE DID NOT OCCUR AS A MATTER OF COURSE. EVERYTHING THAT WAS GOING TO BE DONE TO THAT PIECE OF LEGISLATION HAD BEEN DONE EITHER ON GENERAL FILE OR SELECT FILE: AMENDMENTS, DEBATE, AND THE REST. THIS IS NOT TO SAY THERE WAS NEVER DEBATE ON FINAL READING. NO MATTER HOW CAREFUL ALL OF US WORKING IN CONCERT MIGHT BE, SOME PIECE OF LEGISLATION MAY REACH FINAL READING AND A VERY ATTENTIVE MEMBER OR SOMEBODY WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE MAY DETECT SOMETHING WITH THAT BILL THAT NEEDS CONTINUAL WORK OR ONE BIT OF

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WORK, IN WHICH CASE THE RULES COVER THAT CONTINGENCY BY ALLOWING A MOTION ON FINAL READING. AND THAT MOTION IS TO RETURN THE BILL TO SELECT FILE FOR A SPECIFIC AMENDMENT. AND THAT SPECIFIC AMENDMENT, IF THE BILL IS RETURNED TO SELECT FILE, CANNOT ITSELF BE AMENDED. THE ONLY THING THAT CAN BE DEALT WITH, AS FAR AS DOING SOMETHING ON THE BILL, WOULD BE TO ADDRESS THAT SPECIFIC AMENDMENT. YOU CANNOT AMEND IT. THE REASON IT COMES BACK TO SELECT FILE, THAT IS THE POINT AT WHICH AN AMENDMENT UNDER THE RULES CAN BE ADOPTED. IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, A MOTION IS MADE TO RETURN IT TO FINAL READING. OR YOU CAN LEAVE IT THERE IF THE ADOPTION OCCURS AND HAVE THAT ADDED TO THE BILL, THEN IT'S MOVED ON. BUT IF NOTHING IS DONE, THEN YOU CAN RETURN IT TO FINAL READING AND GO AHEAD AND READ IT RIGHT THEN. SO DON'T DESPAIR WHEN YOU DON'T GET YOUR WILL ON GENERAL FILE OR SELECT FILE. REMEMBER THAT THERE CAN BE DEBATE ON FINAL READING. BUT IT TAKES SOME HEART, IT TAKES SOME NERVE TO BELIEVE IN WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO THE POINT WHERE YOU'RE WILLING TO RISK THE IRE AND DISPLEASURE OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OR OUTSIDE INTERESTS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THAT PARTICULAR BILL. WHAT I AM DOING HERE IS ALLOWED. BUT I'M TIPPING YOU OFF THAT IF I CAN'T GET MY WAY ON GENERAL FILE OR SELECT FILE THAT IS NOT THE END. I CAN MAKE ANY NUMBER OF MOTIONS TO RETURN A BILL FROM FINAL READING TO SELECT FILE. EVERY ONE OF THOSE MOTIONS CAN BE VOTED DOWN. BUT THAT DOES NOT STOP ME FROM OFFERING ANOTHER MOTION AND ANOTHER MOTION AND ANOTHER MOTION. WHEN WE SET THE TONE FOR A SESSION, THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE EARLY ON. I AM NOT ONE WHO USES TRICKERY. NOW THERE MIGHT BE SLEIGHT OF HAND, BUT NOT OUTRIGHT TRICKERY WHICH AMOUNTS TO DISHONESTY WHERE I WILL MISLEAD YOU AS TO MY INTENT. IF I'M WORKING ON A PIECE OF LEGISLATION AND YOU ASK ME--WHAT IS YOUR ULTIMATE AIM? AND IF I SAY IT'S TO FIND A WAY SO THAT MERELY BY TAKING THOUGHT I CAN TRANSPORT MYSELF FROM HERE TO THE MOON, I DON'T FEEL THAT'S DECEPTIVE BECAUSE EVERYBODY OUGHT TO KNOW THAT THAT IS NOT LIKELY TO HAPPEN EXCEPT THEY MAY NOT UNDERESTIMATE ME AND HOLD THE OPINION THAT SENATOR MURANTE EXPRESSED THE OTHER DAY THAT WHEN IT COMES TO SENATOR CHAMBERS THERE'S NOTHING THAT SURPRISES HIM. I PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT YOU ALL SAY. I REMEMBER WHAT YOU SAY. AND EVEN THOSE WITH WHOM I DISAGREE REGULARLY, SUCH AS SENATOR KINTNER, THERE ARE THINGS SENATOR KINTNER WILL SAY, DESPITE HIS USUAL SELF, WHICH WILL MAKE SENSE. AND WHEN THAT NUGGET COMES ALONG, I SNATCH IT AND I TREASURE IT. IT WOULD BE LIKE GOING TO A STRETCH OF SAND ALONG A RIVER...WELL, LET'S MAKE IT A LAKE, 300 YARDS FROM ONE END TO THE OTHER. AND YOU'RE DIGGING IN THAT SAND AND YOU FIND ONE PIECE OF GOLD, AND THAT'S ALL. THAT ONE MAKES IT ALL WORTHWHILE. SO I LISTEN TO EVERYTHING THAT

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SENATOR KINTNER SAYS. I'M NOT GOING TO FOLLOW IT. WHY, HE WOULD LEAD YOU OUT OF THE WILDERNESS INTO THE SWAMP IF YOU LET HIM. BUT WHEN THAT NUGGET COMES, I TAKE IT. WHAT I'M OFFERING THROUGH WHAT I'M DOING TODAY AND WILL DO TOMORROW IS A CLINIC, IF YOU WANT TO CALL IT THAT, ON HOW YOU DEAL WITH LEGISLATION THAT YOU DON'T LIKE. BUT I HAVE SOMETHING WHICH TRANSCENDS THAT, I'M LETTING YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT ME. IF I MAKE YOU A PROMISE, I'M GOING TO KEEP IT. BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I WILL TELL YOU, IF THERE'S A COMPELLING REASON FOR ME TO FOLLOW A DIFFERENT COURSE FROM THE ONE THAT I PROMISED, I'LL LET YOU KNOW THAT AND I'LL CHANGE COURSES. BUT ON THIS BAD BILL, I CANNOT IMAGINE ANYTHING THAT WOULD MAKE ME CHANGE COURSE OR DISSUADE ME FROM MOVING IN THE DIRECTION I AM OTHER THAN SENATOR CAMPBELL DECIDING TO WITHDRAW THIS BILL, WHICH SHE HAS INDICATED SHE'S NOT GOING TO DO AND SHE GAVE HERSELF A WAY OUT THE FIRST DAY. I PAY ATTENTION. SENATOR CAMPBELL SAID "AT THIS TIME." SO THAT LEAVES THE DOOR OPEN. IT'S NOT A CONCESSION. IT'S NOT AN OFFER. IT'S NOT A GUARANTEE. IT SIMPLY IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS DONE BY PEOPLE WHO OPERATE IN THE REALM OF DIPLOMACY. YOU MAY SAY SOMETHING VERY FORCEFULLY TODAY. IF CIRCUMSTANCES ALTER, THEN WHAT YOU SAY WILL ALTER. CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE NOT ALTERED HERE, SO I'M NOT GOING TO ALTER MY COURSE. THIS RECONSIDERATION MOTION... [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...IS TO LOOK AGAIN AT WHAT WAS DONE ON THE LAST VOTE. NOW, I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH ATTENTION PEOPLE PAY TO WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE, SO I THINK I'M GOING TO ASK SENATOR GARRETT A QUESTION. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR GARRETT, WILL YOU YIELD TO A QUESTION? [LB88]

SENATOR GARRETT: YES, I WILL. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: SENATOR GARRETT, IF YOU REMEMBER, WHAT WAS THE LAST ITEM WE VOTED ON? [LB88]

SENATOR GARRETT: I BELIEVE IT WAS TO RECONSIDER...MOVE IT BACK TO COMMITTEE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: WE'RE RECONSIDERING AND WHAT WAS IT WE'RE RECONSIDERING? [LB88]

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SENATOR GARRETT: THE MARRIAGE LICENSE BILL ON RAISING THE FEE.
[LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: BUT THE MOTION THAT YOU SAID WE'RE
RECONSIDERING IS ONE THAT WOULD SEND IT BACK TO COMMITTEE. [LB88]

SENATOR GARRETT: RIGHT. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ARE YOU SURE THAT'S WHAT WE VOTED ON? [LB88]

SENATOR GARRETT: THAT'S WHAT WE VOTED ON. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: AND NOW WE'RE RECONSIDERING THAT VOTE. [LB88]

SENATOR GARRETT: RIGHT. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, THANK YOU, SENATOR. SENATOR
GARRETT HELPED ME TO REFRESH MY MEMORY. I'VE BEEN DOING SO MANY
THINGS THAT I COULDN'T BE SURE WHAT THIS ONE WAS. ALTHOUGH I DID
TALK TO... [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: TIME, SENATOR. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...THE CLERK TO BE SURE. THANK YOU, MR.
PRESIDENT. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR BRASCH, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB88]

SENATOR BRASCH: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND GOOD MORNING,
COLLEAGUES. I WAS WONDERING IF SENATOR CAMPBELL WOULD PLEASE
YIELD TO A QUESTION. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR CAMPBELL, WILL YOU YIELD? [LB88]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: YES, CERTAINLY. [LB88]

SENATOR BRASCH: THANK YOU, SENATOR CAMPBELL. I DID A COUPLE
INQUIRIES YESTERDAY INTO OUR DISTRICT AND IT SEEMS LIKE THE POSSIBLE
TOTAL AVERAGE TIME THAT MAY BE SPENT AMOUNTS TO A COUPLE HOURS.
WERE YOU TOLD HOW MUCH TIME IT TAKES TO PROCESS A MARRIAGE
LICENSE? WE KNOW THE STEPS, BUT THE HOURS ON THE CLOCK? [LB88]

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SENATOR CAMPBELL: SENATOR BRASCH, I APPRECIATE THE QUESTION; I DO NOT. I KNOW WHAT THE FIGURE FROM LANCASTER COUNTY REFLECTED IN TERMS OF THE COST. AND I KNOW THAT EACH ONE DIFFERS. IT DEPENDS ON HOW MUCH INFORMATION THEY NEED TO CHECK, IF IT'S WRONG OR HOW THEY NEED TO TRACK IT DOWN. SO I'M NOT SURE I CAN GIVE YOU AN AVERAGE HOURS BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T PROVIDE THAT TO ME. [LB88]

SENATOR BRASCH: VERY GOOD. I HAVE ONE MORE QUESTION IF YOU'LL YIELD, PLEASE. [LB88]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: CERTAINLY. [LB88]

SENATOR BRASCH: AND THAT QUESTION IS, THE \$50, IS THAT GOING INTO A FUND THAT WILL ONLY BE USED FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES? THAT IS ITS EXCLUSIVE AND ONLY PURPOSE? [LB88]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: THE WAY IT IS SET UP CURRENTLY, AND I WOULD EXPECT IT WOULD CONTINUE IS THAT THAT MONEY GOES TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE COUNTY. AND THEN THE COUNTY BOARD SETS THE BUDGET. BUT IT DOES GO, AS MOST FEES WOULD GO, TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE COUNTY. [LB88]

SENATOR BRASCH: VERY GOOD. I HAD ASKED MY STAFF TO DO A LITTLE RESEARCH FOR ME AND ACCORDING TO SOME RULINGS MADE IS THAT WHEN A FEE IS APPLIED TO ONE SPECIFIC FUND, IT IS TRULY A FEE. HOWEVER, WHEN IT GOES TO A GENERAL FUND FOR OTHER PROGRAMS, IT MAY BE CONSIDERED A TAX. SO I WAS JUST CURIOUS ON HOW THE COUNTIES MANAGED THE FUNDS COLLECTED ON THIS SPECIFIC FEE. I HAVE NO OTHER QUESTIONS. THANK YOU. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE. AND THANK YOU, SENATOR BRASCH. WE CAN ALL ADD TO EACH OTHER'S KNOWLEDGE. I THINK WHAT SENATOR BRASCH REVEALED WAS VERY CRITICAL AND OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. AND NOW IF YOU'RE ASKED WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FEE AND A TAX, YOU CAN ANSWER. BUT THAT DOESN'T ANSWER THE ULTIMATE QUESTION. IT MEANS THAT THIS PARTICULAR TAX CAN WEAR THE MASK OR DISGUISE OF THE WORD "FEE" AND THE PUBLIC CAN BE MISLED INTO THINKING THAT IT'S DIFFERENT FROM A TAX. BUT THERE ARE DISTINCTIONS. AND THOSE WILY PEOPLE CALLED POLITICIANS KNOW THAT THE ONE WHO CAN APPLY THE LABEL IS THE ONE WHO CONTROLS THE DISCUSSION AND ULTIMATELY THE

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ATTITUDE THAT WILL BE TAKEN TOWARDS SOMETHING. YOU'VE ALL HEARD THE EXAMPLE, IF YOU'RE AROUND A GROUP OF PEOPLE AND THEY'RE VERY EXCITABLE AND SUGGESTIBLE, TELL THEM--THAT DOG IS MAD. AND IF THEY HAVE THE WHEREWITHAL, THEY'LL KILL IT, BECAUSE THE RIGHT LABEL WAS ATTACHED. IT TAPPED INTO THE FEARS OF THOSE PEOPLE. AND THEY BEHAVED AS PEOPLE IN FEAR WILL BEHAVE--WITHOUT THOUGHT, WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OF ANYTHING OTHER THAN TO ATTACK OR FLEE--FIGHT OR FLIGHT. I'M NOT GOING TO FLEE. I'VE GOT TO BE HERE 90 DAYS ANYWAY, AS I TOLD YOU. IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME WHAT WE TALK ABOUT. WHAT MATTERS TO ME ARE THE TYPES OF ISSUES PRESENTED TO US AND THE DAMAGE THEY MAY DO. I WILL INVOKE THE LORAN SCHMIT RULE OF LEGISLATION SO YOU WILL KNOW WHEN WE'VE ARRIVED AT A POINT WHERE I'M NOT GOING TO HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ON A PIECE OF LEGISLATION. IF IT DOESN'T HELP ANYTHING, IF IT DOESN'T HURT ANYTHING, IF IT DOESN'T DO ANYTHING, IF IT DOESN'T COST ANYTHING, THEN YOU CAN HAVE IT. YOU CAN HAVE THAT ALL DAY. BUT WHEN WE HAVE LEGISLATION SUCH AS THIS, WHICH HITS UPON WHAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE A CORE VALUE OF YOUR SOCIETY, I'M GOING TO HELP YOU BE TRUE TO WHAT YOU PROFESS TO BELIEVE. AND I'M GOING TO TRY TO MAKE IT HARD FOR YOU NOT TO HOLD TO WHAT YOU PROFESS TO BELIEVE. YOU'VE OFTEN HEARD IT SAID THAT ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS. AND THAT IN MOST CASES WOULD BE TRUE. BUT I'D VENTURE TO SAY IF YOU WERE CALLED TO BE ON A PANEL DISCUSSION ABOUT NEBRASKA, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SPELL THIS THAT I'M GOING TO SAY, PHONETICALLY, BUT IT'S A PLAY ON THE WORD "VALUES." I SAY "VALUES." BUT IN NEBRASKA AND AMONG CONSERVATIVE "REPELICANS," THEY PRONOUNCE IT "VALYAS" (PHONETIC). SO YOU'RE GOING TO DISCUSS NEBRASKA "VALYAS," AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE ON THIS PANEL, YOU'RE GOING TO MENTION MARRIAGE, THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE. THEREFORE YOU'RE AGAINST GAY MARRIAGE BECAUSE THE "HOLLY BIBBLE" DIDN'T SAY ADAM AND EVE, BUT ADAM AND STEVE. AND THAT IS...THEY FEEL THAT'S SO CLEVER. THEY THINK WHEN THEY SAY THAT THAT ENDS THE DISCUSSION. BUT AS QUIET AS IT'S KEPT, THERE ARE WOMEN WHO CARRY... [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...NAMES THAT ARE ORDINARILY DEEMED TO BE THE NAMES OF MEN, LIKE SAM, FOR EXAMPLE. SO IN ALL THEIR CLEVERNESS, THEY DON'T MAKE A POINT. FOR IT'S EASIER TO BE CLEVER THAN CORRECT, JUST AS IT'S EASIER TO BE WITTY THAN WISE. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. [LB88]

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY BY THAT NAME IS HERE. DID YOU MEAN CHAMBERS? [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: CHAMBERS. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: OH, I THOUGHT YOU SAID CHANGE--YOU KNOW THERE'S AN "N" IN THERE SOMEPLACE. OKAY, I'LL SPEAK THEN. AND EVEN IF THERE IS ANOTHER SENATOR BY THAT NAME, UNKNOWN TO ME, AND HE OR SHE IS WILLING TO LET ME TAKE HIS OR HER TIME, I WILL DO THAT ALSO. YOU WOULD BE ON THIS PANEL AND YOU WOULD TALK ABOUT MARRIAGE AND HOW IT IS WISE FOR EVERYBODY TO WAIT UNTIL THEY'RE MARRIED TO HAVE SEX AND TO HAVE CHILDREN AND ALL OF THE THINGS THAT MOST OF THE PEOPLE TALKING DIDN'T REALLY DO THEMSELVES, BUT YOU SAY THINGS THAT ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THE OCCASION. AND I'M TRYING TO SAY THE THINGS THAT ARE APPROPRIATE ON THIS OCCASION TO SHOW YOU WHY YOU OUGHT NOT VOTE FOR THIS PROPOSITION, MEANING THIS BILL THAT INCREASES THIS LABELED A FEE ITEM, WHICH I CALL A TAX, BY MORE THAN 300 PERCENT. BUT EVEN IF YOU CALL IT A FEE, OUGHT YOU TO DO THAT? AND THE ANSWER WOULD BE NO, ESPECIALLY FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS. YOU KNOW WHY I'M SO GLAD THAT SENATOR BRASCH ELICITED THE INFORMATION FROM SENATOR CAMPBELL THAT SHE DID? SOME PEOPLE MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT THAT THEY HAD A DRAWER SOMEWHERE IN THE COUNTY OFFICE WHERE ANYTHING THAT IS DERIVED FROM THE SALE OF MARRIAGE LICENSES WOULD GO INTO THAT DRAWER AND THEN EACH CLERK WHO DID ANYTHING WITH REFERENCE TO SELLING A MARRIAGE LICENSE WOULD WRITE DOWN THE TIME HE OR SHE STARTED, WHAT WAS DONE, AND HOW MUCH TIME EACH ONE OF THESE STEPS TOOK, AND PUT THAT IN THE DRAWER. BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENS. JUST LIKE I HAVE SOME COLLEAGUES IN HERE WHO THINK THAT WHEN YOU PAY YOUR INCOME TAX, THERE'S A DRAWER AT THE IRS FOR EVERY PERSON IN AMERICA WHO HAS TO PAY TAXES AND EACH PERSON'S NAME IS ON THAT DRAWER. AND WHEN YOU PAY YOUR TAXES, WHAT YOU SEND IN GOES IN THAT DRAWER. THEN AT THE END OF THE YEAR, SOMEBODY COMES AND THEY TAKE WHAT'S IN THAT DRAWER OUT AND THEY GO THROUGH ALL OF THIS COMPUTER PROGRAMMING TO SEE HOW MUCH MONEY YOU EARNED THAT YOU ADMITTED, HOW MUCH MONEY YOU MAY HAVE COME INTO THAT YOU DIDN'T ADMIT, AND WITH THE NATIONAL SPY ORGANIZATION THAT THEY HAVE, THEY KNOW MORE ABOUT YOU THAN SANTA CLAUS. THEY TELL YOU HE SEES YOU WHEN YOU'RE SLEEPING, HE KNOWS WHEN YOU'RE AWAKE. BUT YOU NOTICE THIS, HE SEES YOU WHEN YOU'RE SLEEPING BECAUSE YOU'RE LYING STILL. HE KNOWS WHEN YOU'RE AWAKE, BUT IT DOESN'T SAY HE KNOWS WHAT YOU DO. THEY SAY IT LIKE THAT SO YOU WILL ASSUME THAT HE KNOWS. BUT SANTA CLAUS DOESN'T WANT TO BE A LIAR BECAUSE IF YOU REARRANGE THE LETTERS IN HIS NAME,

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IT BECOMES THE NAME OF THE FATHER OF LIES, WHICH IS SATAN. SO SANTA IS A DISGUISE OF SATAN. AND THAT'S THE WAY HE CARRIES ON. HE LIES TO LITTLE CHILDREN ABOUT WHAT HE'S GOING TO BRING THEM. HE LIES TO MRS. CLAUS ABOUT WHERE HE IS THAT NIGHT AND WHAT HE'S DOING THAT NIGHT. OH, SATAN FITS HIM. BUT IN ANY CASE, PEOPLE THINK THAT WHEN THE END OF THE YEAR COMES AND THE AUDITORS ARE LOOKING THROUGH EACH DRAWER, OH, AND BY THE WAY, IN EACH DRAWER IS AN ENVELOPE, THEY PUT YOUR MONEY IN THAT ENVELOPE. THEY GO THROUGH ALL OF THIS REVIEW AND IF THE AMOUNT OF TAX YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO PAY IS EQUAL TO THAT WHICH WAS OWED, THEN IT'S WHAT'S CALLED A WASH. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: EVERYTHING IS ALL RIGHT. IF YOU MISTAKENLY SENT MORE THAN YOU SHOULD HAVE, THEY'LL SEND IT BACK TO YOU. IF YOU SENT LESS THAN YOU SHOULD HAVE, THEY'LL NOTIFY YOU OF THAT AND TELL YOU WHAT YOU OUGHT TO DO. BUT THERE ARE NO DRAWERS THAT THE IRS HAS. THERE ARE NO DRAWERS THAT THESE COUNTY BOARDS AND COUNTY OFFICES HAVE. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: THERE IS NO ONE LEFT IN THE QUEUE. SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO CLOSE ON YOUR MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE TO COMMIT TO COMMITTEE FILE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. AND I LIKE THE WAY YOU SAID THAT, THERE IS NOBODY LEFT BUT YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. THAT'S THE WAY IT GENERALLY IS, I'M THE LAST ONE STANDING. AND THERE'S A VERSE WHERE SOME THINGS WERE HAPPENING AND JESUS WAS...DISCIPLES, OR WHOEVER WAS WRITING THIS, TALKED ABOUT THESE PROPHETS AND THINGS WHO WERE STANDING AROUND JESUS. AND YOU KNOW THE DISCIPLES WERE ALLOWED TO DRINK WINE AND WINE AFFECTS WHAT PEOPLE SEE, HOW THEY TALK, HOW THEY WALK. SO WHOEVER WAS WRITING THAT COULD HAVE BEEN AFFECTED. BUT CERTAIN THINGS CAUSED HIM TO SEE JESUS WITH THESE GUYS STANDING AROUND. THEN SOMETHING HAPPENED, MAYBE A FLASH OF LIGHT, A CRACK OF THUNDER, AND IT SAID NO MAN WAS LEFT SAVE JESUS ONLY. SO THAT'S WHERE THE SPEAKER KIND OF PUT ME THIS MORNING AND I APPRECIATE IT. AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW WHY I APPRECIATE THE WAY HE SAID IT. WE ARE GOING TO SPEND MORE TIME TOGETHER. AND THERE'S A SONG FOR THAT. AL GREEN SANG IT, BUT I WON'T SING IT. LET'S JUST BE GLAD WE HAD THIS TIME TO SPEND TOGETHER. AND WE'RE GOING TO SPEND MORE TIME TOGETHER. AND THIS IS NOT THE ONLY BILL WHERE THIS WILL OCCUR. AND I THINK AS WE MOVE ON, AND THE DAYS DWINDLE DOWN TO A PRECIOUS FEW, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOME

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SERIOUS THINKING ABOUT HOW MUCH TIME YOU'RE WILLING TO GIVE ME BY WAY OF THE ASSESSMENT I'M GOING TO MAKE AGAINST THE TIME OF THE LEGISLATURE. THE POWER TO TAX, SOMEBODY ONCE WROTE, IS THE POWER TO DESTROY. SO IF YOU PUT IN MY HANDS THE POWER TO LEVY A TAX AGAINST YOUR TIME, YOU HAVE GIVEN ME THE POWER TO DESTROY WHAT IT IS YOU WANT TO DO. I WOULDN'T USE THE TERM "DESTROY," I WOULD USE THE TERM "IMPROVE," PREVENT BAD THINGS FROM HAPPENING. AND I'M THE PERSON FOR THE JOB BECAUSE I'M NOT GOING TO GET TIRED. BUT I'LL TELL YOU WHERE SOMETHING SLIPPED PAST ME YESTERDAY, I THINK THE SENATORS ARE GOING TO BE FED BY SOME LOBBYING GROUP, THE REALTORS OR SOMEBODY. IF I HAD KNOWN THAT, I WOULD HAVE SAID THINGS TO TURN YOUR STOMACH SO YOU COULDN'T GO OVER THERE AND GET THE FREE FOOD, CAPTAIN LUNCH HUNTER AND LIEUTENANT HUNGRY. HERE THEY COME. HERE THEY COME, MOOCHING AND SPONGING FOR THE FREEBIES. AND THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO SERVE THEIR CONSTITUENTS AND THE PUBLIC WITH UNDIVIDED LOYALTY. BUT THE HAND THAT FEEDS, CONTROLS. AND WHAT HAND FEEDS THE SENATORS? THE HAND, OR PLURAL HANDS, OF THE LOBBYISTS. AND WHAT'S THE GOING PRICE OF A NEBRASKA SENATOR? NO LOBBYIST THAT I'M AWARE OF WOULD OFFER A SENATOR THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. YOU NEVER SPEND MORE THAN YOU HAVE TO SPEND FOR WHAT IT IS THAT YOU WANT TO GET. THEY WOULDN'T OFFER A SENATOR HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS. YOU NEVER SPEND MORE THAN YOU HAVE TO TO GET WHAT YOU WANT TO GET. SO WHAT'S THE GOING PRICE? A MEAT LOAF SANDWICH AND A CHICKEN DINNER AND YOU GOT THEM. THE SENATORS, IN MY OPINION, WOULD TURN DOWN ANY OFFER OF CASH IN AN ENVELOPE OR ANY OTHER WAY. I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT WHEN YOU'RE RUNNING FOR ELECTION, BECAUSE THAT'S LEGALIZED BRIBERY... [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ONE MINUTE, SENATOR. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...AND IT'S ACCEPTED. BUT THERE IS A WAY TO OBLIGE THE SENATORS TO DO YOUR BIDDING AND THAT'S TO FEED THEM. GIVE THEM LITTLE THINGS AND YOU MAKE THEM FEEL OBLIGATED TO RESPOND IN KIND. YOU HAVE FED THEM, YOU HAVE BEEN COURTEOUS TO THEM. SO THEY OWE YOU SOMETHING. OH, THESE LOBBYISTS ARE WILY SEEKERS AFTER FAVORITISM FROM THE SENATORS. AND THEY GET WHAT THEY WANT. I WOULD ASK FOR A CALL OF THE HOUSE AND A ROLL CALL VOTE, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: THERE HAS BEEN A REQUEST TO PLACE THE HOUSE UNDER CALL. THE QUESTION IS, SHALL THE HOUSE GO UNDER CALL? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; ALL THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. RECORD, MR. CLERK. [LB88]

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CLERK: 24 AYES, 3 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, TO PLACE THE HOUSE UNDER CALL. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: THE HOUSE IS UNDER CALL. SENATORS, PLEASE RECORD YOUR PRESENCE. THOSE UNEXCUSED SENATORS OUTSIDE THE CHAMBER PLEASE RETURN TO THE CHAMBER AND RECORD YOUR PRESENCE. ALL UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL PLEASE LEAVE THE FLOOR. THE HOUSE IS UNDER CALL. SENATOR WILLIAMS, SENATOR MURANTE, SENATOR LARSON, SENATOR GROENE, PLEASE CHECK IN. SENATOR CHAMBERS, HOW DID YOU WISH TO HAVE THE VOTE? [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (INAUDIBLE.) [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: WE'LL HAVE A ROLL CALL VOTE. MR. CLERK, WILL YOU CALL THE ROLL CALL. [LB88]

CLERK: (ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGES 347-348.) 7 AYES, 35 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, ON THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER FAILS. MR. CLERK. RAISE THE CALL. [LB88]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE A PRIORITY MOTION. SENATOR CHAMBERS WOULD MOVE TO ADJOURN THE BODY UNTIL 9:00 A.M. ON JUNE 30, 2015. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED TO OPEN. (SIC) [LB88]

SENATOR GLOOR PRESIDING

SENATOR GLOOR: MEMBERS, BY RULE THE SPEAKER CAN ADDRESS THE MOTION, BUT HE IS THE ONLY MEMBER THAT HAS THAT PRIVILEGE. MR. SPEAKER, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SPEAKER HADLEY: MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE BODY, AS THE CHAIR SAID, THE PRESIDENT SAID, THE SPEAKER IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN ADDRESS THIS MOTION. WE HAVE CONSTITUTIONAL DUTIES THAT WE HAVE TO DO HERE. SOMETIMES THEY TAKE LONGER THAN OTHERS, BUT WE HAVE TO ADDRESS THINGS SUCH AS THE BUDGET AND OTHER PRESSING ISSUES OF THE STATE. I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU GREATLY NOT TO VOTE FOR THIS MOTION. THIS IS NOT A GOOD MOTION. I HOPE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT

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WE ARE DOING THE WORK OF THE CITIZENS OF NEBRASKA AND THIS IS IMPORTANT WORK. WE ARE TAKING TIME NOW, BUT IT IS AN APPROPRIATE TIME. IT IS THE WAY THIS BODY WORKS. THIS BODY WORKS UNDER A SET OF RULES. IF YOU DON'T HAVE RULES, YOU HAVE CHAOS. WE WILL APPLY THOSE RULES TO EVERYONE. WE WILL NOT PICK FAVORITES. WE WILL NOT CHOOSE CERTAIN THINGS THAT WE SUPPORT AND DO NOT SUPPORT AND TRY TO CHANGE THE RULES. BUT THIS IS A MOTION THAT I VERY MUCH WOULD APPRECIATE A "NO" VOTE AT THIS POINT IN TIME. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

SENATOR GLOOR: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS (SIC). MEMBERS, WE WILL HAVE A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE LEGISLATURE UNTIL JUNE 30, 2015. MR. CLERK, CALL THE ROLL. [LB88]

CLERK: (ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN.) 1 AYE, 40 NAYS ON THE MOTION TO ADJOURN. [LB88]

SENATOR GLOOR: THE MOTION FAILS. MR. CLERK FOR A MOTION. [LB88]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, PENDING AMENDMENTS: I HAVE A PRIORITY MOTION. SENATOR CHAMBERS WOULD MOVE TO NOW BRACKET LB88 UNTIL APRIL 15, 2015. [LB88]

SENATOR GLOOR: SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO OPEN ON YOUR MOTION TO BRACKET. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND TO SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, I FINALLY GOT MY UNANIMOUS VOTE, DIDN'T I? YOU DIDN'T KNOW HOW I WOULD DO IT, BUT I FINALLY GOT IT. I HAVE SEVERAL THINGS GOING ON AT THE SAME TIME. BUT THAT WILL SHOW YOU WHAT CAN BE DONE UNDER THE RULES. EVERYTHING I'VE DONE IS ACCORDING TO THE RULES. I TOLD YOU THAT THE FIRST DAY, EVEN THOUGH I VOTED AGAINST THEM, THAT I WOULD USE THE RULES THAT I VOTED AGAINST TO DO EVERYTHING I WANT TO DO. AND BEFORE THE SESSION IS OVER, SOMEBODY OTHER THAN MYSELF IS GOING TO MOVE TO SUSPEND THE RULES. AND IF IT'S A NECESSARY MOVE, I WILL AGREE AND HELP GET THAT DONE. BUT WHAT I WANT TO DO IS KILL THIS BILL. AND IF I DON'T GET IT DONE HERE TODAY, THERE'S ALWAYS TOMORROW AND THE NEXT DAY, AND THERE ARE ADDITIONAL STAGES. BUT BEFORE OFFERING THAT MOTION TO ADJOURN, I WAS TRYING TO POINT OUT THAT NO MATTER HOW HOPELESS THINGS MAY LOOK, IT MAY NOT BE THE END OF THE GAME AT THAT POINT. THERE ARE MOTIONS THAT CAN BE MADE, BUT YOU WON'T MAKE THEM AND YOU CAN'T MAKE THEM IF YOU DON'T KNOW THAT THEY ARE THERE. SO NO

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MATTER HOW IRRITATED YOU MAY BE, LEARN THAT WHICH MAY BE OF GREAT SERVICE TO YOU IN THE FUTURE. I JUST WISH THAT BEFORE THE SESSION STARTED, I COULD HAVE PREVENTED SOME OF THE TRASH LEGISLATION COMING TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE FROM COMING BY WARNING SENATORS WHO BRING THAT STUFF THAT OTHER PEOPLE GIVE THEM. ONE BILL THAT DEALT WITH PROLIFERATING GUNS HAD LANGUAGE THAT INCLUDED GROUPS THAT DID NOT WANT TO BE INCLUDED. AND WHEN THEIR HAND WAS CALLED DURING THE COMMITTEE HEARING, THEY SAID, OH, THAT WAS A DRAFTING ERROR. AND I BELIEVE IT WAS DRAFTED EXACTLY THE WAY THEY WANTED IT DRAFTED AND IT WOULD HAVE PASSED ON TO THE FLOOR AND PERHAPS INTO LAW IF THERE WERE NOT SOMEBODY WHO SAID, HEY, WAIT A MINUTE, IT'S NOT GOING TO BE DONE THIS WAY. WHAT I THINK I WILL DO THIS TIME, EVEN THOUGH SOME OF THE SENATORS ARE NOT HERE, THIS ITEM THAT I'M PASSING AROUND WILL BE ON THEIR DESK. AND IT'S GOING TO POINT OUT TO ALL OF YOU HOW I TOOK MORE SERIOUSLY WHAT THIS LEGISLATURE IS SUPPOSED TO DO WHILE I WAS NO LONGER HERE AS A MEMBER THAN THE 49 DID WHO WERE HERE. AND I COULD GIVE YOU A THUMBNAIL SKETCH, BUT I WANT TO READ THIS INTO THE RECORD. THIS IS AN ARTICLE AND A COPY OF IT IS WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO GET. IT WAS PUBLISHED BY THE OMAHA WORLD-HERALD, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2012. THE HEADLINE, "LEGISLATOR ASKS FOR, RECEIVES VETO ON OWN MEASURE. THE ARTICLE SAYS THE FOLLOWING: FORMER STATE SENATOR ERNIE CHAMBERS IS GONE FROM THE NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE BUT HE CAN STILL GET BILLS KILLED. HE PROVED THAT BY STEPPING IN AT THE LAST MINUTE ON A MEASURE THAT WOULD HAVE MADE IT A CRIME TO BRING BANNED ITEMS INTO A JAIL. LEGISLATIVE BILL, LB415, HAD PASSED THE LEGISLATURE WITH EASE AND MADE IT ALL THE WAY TO THE GOVERNOR'S DESK BEFORE CHAMBERS GOT INVOLVED. HE HAND DELIVERED A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE THAT QUESTIONED THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE BILL AND THREATENED A POSSIBLE LEGAL CHALLENGE. BECAUSE OF HIS INTERVENTION, THE BILL'S SPONSOR TOOK THE EXTREMELY UNUSUAL STEP OF ASKING TO HAVE HIS MEASURE VETOED. GOVERNOR DAVE HEINEMAN OBLIGED, ISSUING HIS FIRST VETO OF THE SESSION EARLIER THIS WEEK. QUOTE, IN THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION, I WILL RESPECT THE DESIRE OF THE LEGISLATURE TO FURTHER REVIEW THIS ISSUE, THOUGH I REMAIN SUPPORTIVE OF THE INTENT OF LB415, UNQUOTE, THE GOVERNOR WROTE IN HIS VETO MESSAGE. THE BILL WOULD HAVE ALLOWED JAIL OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE WHAT ITEMS TO BAN FROM THEIR INSTITUTIONS. ANYONE WHO PROVIDED A JAIL INMATE WITH ONE OF THE BANNED ITEMS COULD BE CHARGED WITH A MISDEMEANOR CARRYING A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF ONE YEAR IN JAIL OR A \$1,000 FINE. CURRENT LAW PROHIBITS VISITORS, JAIL EMPLOYEES, AND INMATES FROM BRINGING IN ILLEGAL DRUGS OR ITEMS THAT COULD BE USED IN AN ESCAPE. CHAMBERS SAID THE BILL

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UNCONSTITUTIONALLY DELEGATED THE LEGISLATURE'S POWER TO DETERMINE WHAT IS A CRIME AND WHAT IS NOT. THE BILL WOULD HAVE SET NO LIMITS ON WHAT COULD BE BANNED MEANING JAILERS COULD PROHIBIT, QUOTE, EVERYTHING FROM SOUP TO NUTS, FROM STETSON HATS TO A STICK OF CHEWING GUM, UNQUOTE, CHAMBERS SAID. IN ADDITION, WHAT CONSTITUTES A CRIME COULD VARY FROM DAY TO DAY BASED ON ACTIONS BY JAIL OFFICIALS, HE SAID. QUOTE, ONE DAY, A PROHIBITED ARTICLE IS AN ELEMENT OF A CRIME. THE NEXT DAY, IT MAY NOT BE AND VICE VERSA, UNQUOTE, CHAMBERS SAID. SENATOR NORM WALLMAN OF CORTLAND INTRODUCED THE MEASURE AFTER THE GAGE COUNTY JAIL'S DIRECTOR RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT INMATES SNEAKING ITEMS INTO JAIL. WALLMAN SAID HE ASKED FOR THE VETO SO HE COULD REPAIR THE LEGAL CONCERNS ABOUT THE BILL. HE HOPES TO BRING IT BACK AS AN AMENDMENT TO SOME OTHER MEASURE. QUOTE, I DIDN'T WANT TO EMBARRASS THE LEGISLATURE, UNQUOTE, WALLMAN SAID. QUOTE, THE GOVERNOR DID US ALL A FAVOR, UNQUOTE. SENATOR BRAD ASHFORD OF OMAHA, THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, SAID THE CURRENT SITUATION MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR JAILS TO REGULATE CONTRABAND. HE SAID THE COMMITTEE THOUGHT THE REQUIRING SIGNS LISTING BANNED ITEMS WOULD TAKE CARE OF LEGAL CONCERNS WITH THE BILL. I READ THE LAW. I KNOW THE LAW. AND I DID WHAT THE LEGISLATORS SHOULD HAVE DONE. AND THE GOVERNOR SHOULD HAVE VETOED THE BILL ANYWAY. I BROUGHT THAT LETTER TO HIM. I TOLD HIM WHAT WAS WRONG WITH THE BILL. AND HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO TALK TO THE SPEAKER, WHO WAS SENATOR FLOOD. SO SENATOR FLOOD TALKED TO ME. AND I SAID, MIKE, YOU KNOW THIS IS WRONG, THIS BILL. HE SAID, WELL, THE GOVERNOR WANTS US TO BRING IT BACK. I SAID, WELL, IT'S HIS DUTY TO DO SOMETHING NOW BECAUSE IT'S ON HIS DESK. HE SAID, WELL, I'M NOT GOING TO TRY TO BRING IT BACK. AND THAT WAS AS FAR AS IT WENT, AS FAR AS I KNEW AT THAT TIME. SO I DON'T KNOW IF THE GOVERNOR AND THE SPEAKER SPOKE TO SENATOR WALLMAN, BUT I GUESS THEY DECIDED IT WOULD BE BEST TO HAVE THE GOVERNOR GO ON AND VETO IT INSTEAD OF THE LEGISLATURE SHAMEFACEDLY BRINGING IT BACK AND THEN KILLING IT. THAT'S WHAT I DID, YEAH, ME. ALL THE SENATORS VOTED FOR IT. YOU CAN'T TRUST WHAT THESE PEOPLE DO. EVEN WHEN THINGS ARE BEING DISCUSSED LIKE NOW. I CAN HEAR THEM YAKKING AND YAMMERING. BUT THEY CAN DO THAT. AND THEY ARE THE SENATORS WHO ARE GOING TO MAKE THE BIGGEST MISTAKES WHEN THEIR LEGISLATION COMES TO THE FLOOR. SO WHEN I SAY A HEN DIPS SNUFF, YOU LOOK UNDER HER RIGHT WING AND YOU'LL FIND TOBACCO STAINS. I KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. THEY DON'T. THEY BRING SOME OF THAT TRASH LEGISLATION THAT THEY CANNOT EXPLAIN WHEN IT'S BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. SO I HAVE A LOT OF HARD WORK TO DO. [LB88]

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SPEAKER HADLEY PRESIDING

SPEAKER HADLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I CANNOT MAKE ANYBODY READ A BILL. I CANNOT MAKE ANYBODY PAY ATTENTION. BUT I CAN MAKE ENOUGH OF YOU STAY HERE TO HAVE A QUORUM, BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T, THEN THAT AUTOMATICALLY ADJOURNS THE LEGISLATURE, SO I CAN MAKE YOU DO THAT. AND I CAN ALSO PUT THINGS INTO THE RECORD. AND THE SENATORS CANNOT MOCK ME BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO SAY, WELL, HE WAS RIGHT, WE MISSED THAT ONE. BUT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE MISSED IT. YOU SHOULD TAKE IT UPON YOURSELF TO DISCHARGE THE DUTY OF KNOWING WHAT THE LAW IS. AND IF YOU DON'T KNOW, ASK SOMEBODY. BUT I JUST THOUGHT I WOULD ADD THAT TO THE POT. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. [LB88]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. SENATOR CHAMBERS, IN OUR DISCUSSION YESTERDAY ABOUT THIS BILL, I NEVER SAID I WOULD NEVER VOTE AGAINST YOU. I SAID YOU COULDN'T SHAKE ME FROM TRYING TO KILL THIS BILL. AND YOU CAN'T UNLESS WE GET AN AMENDMENT THAT TAKES IT DOWN TO 2 OR 3 PERCENT, MAYBE A 5 PERCENT INCREASE. I COULD LIVE WITH THAT. THREE HUNDRED PERCENT? THERE'S NO WAY I'M EVER GOING TO VOTE FOR THAT. AND THOUGH I MAY VOTE AGAIN OCCASIONALLY AGAINST WHAT I CONSIDER AN UNWORTHY AMENDMENT OR ATTEMPT TO ADJOURN, MY OPPOSITION TO THE BILL ITSELF WILL NOT FALTER. MR. PRESIDENT, I'D YIELD THE REMAINDER OF MY TIME TO SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE YIELDED 4:04. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. THANK YOU, SENATOR BLOOMFIELD. AND YOU DEMONSTRATED WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PEOPLE PAY ATTENTION. HE IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT IN THE WAY HE LAID OUT OUR DISCUSSION. BUT I HAD TO RUB IT IN A LITTLE BIT BY SHOWING THAT I GOT A UNANIMOUS VOTE. BUT THAT'S NOT EVEN TRUE, BECAUSE I DIDN'T VOTE NO. SO IT WAS NOT UNANIMOUS. IT WAS UNANIMOUS AS FAR AS EVERYBODY ELSE WAS CONCERNED. BUT THE WORD UNANIMOUS INCLUDES EVERYBODY WHO VOTED. AND SINCE I VOTED BUT I VOTED CONTRARY, THEN IT WAS NOT A UNANIMOUS VOTE. YOU SEE HOW LITTLE LANGUAGE MEANS TO PEOPLE. AND WHEN WE GET TO THESE TAX BILLS, WHICH A LOT OF YOU ARE GOING TO PAY ATTENTION TO, EVEN THOUGH YOU WON'T UNDERSTAND A LOT OF IT AND YOU'RE GOING TO GET YOUR MARCHING ORDERS FROM SOMEBODY

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ELSE, YOU MIGHT TRY TO GET INTO THE DISCUSSION. AND THAT WILL BE INTERESTING. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE GOING TO GO BE FED BY THE PIVOT PEOPLE, THE CENTER PIVOTS, I GUESS. THOSE ARE THOSE THINGS THAT SPIN AROUND AND WATER COMES OUT. YOU WATER THE CROPS WITH THAT METHODOLOGY AND I THINK IT'S VERY APPROPRIATE BECAUSE THE LEGISLATORS REPRESENT THE CROP THAT IS TO BE GROWN. AND YOU NEED A LITTLE WATER, YOU NEED A LITTLE MOISTURE, SO THEY'RE GOING TO FEED YOU. AND YOU'LL BE THERE AND YOU WILL EAT WHAT THEY FEED YOU. I WILL NOT ATTEND ANY OF THOSE FUNCTIONS, BUT EACH ONE OF US CAN TAKE CARE OF HIS OR HER BUSINESS AS HE OR SHE PLEASES. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS SOME OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE TALKING ABOUT TRANSPARENCY, ESPECIALLY SENATOR KINTNER, STAND UP AND SAY, I THINK WE OUGHT TO HAVE A RULE THAT SAYS EVERY TIME WE GO TO A MEAL SUPPLIED BY THE LOBBYISTS, WE OUGHT TO MAKE THAT PLAIN AND WE OUGHT TO TAKE A VOTE ON WHETHER WE OUGHT TO HAVE THAT MEAL IN THE LEGISLATURE OR IN THE CAPITOL BUILDING SO THE PUBLIC WILL KNOW WHO IS FEEDING US, WHO IS INFLUENCING US. NO, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN LANCASTER AND DOUGLAS COUNTY DIDN'T TELL THEM TO DO THAT, THEY GET THEIR MARCHING ORDERS. BUT IF THEY ARE REALLY PEOPLE OF PRINCIPLE, THEY OUGHT DO WHAT I'M SUGGESTING. THEY CLAIM THAT THESE PEOPLE THEY TALK TO WANT TO KNOW HOW WE VOTE DURING OUR INTERNAL ORGANIZATION OF THE LEGISLATURE. IT SEEMS TO ME THEY WOULD BE FAR MORE INTERESTED SINCE IT'S SOMETHING THEY COMPLAIN ABOUT IN WHO FEEDS THE LEGISLATURE, BECAUSE THE HAND THAT FEEDS, CONTROLS. BUT SENATORS DON'T WANT THAT. I'M THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING I CAN DO TO PURIFY THIS BODY. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ALL THE TRANSPARENCY ARE GONE. BUT I WAS GOING TO ASK WHICH ONE OF THEM WOULD SIGN A RESOLUTION THAT WOULD SAY WE'LL HAVE NO MORE FEEDING OF THE SENATORS BY LOBBYISTS IN THE CAPITOL BUILDING. THEY CAN FEED YOU SOMEWHERE ELSE, BUT NOT IN THE CAPITOL BUILDING, AND CERTAINLY NOT ON ANY OF THOSE PREMISES THAT PERTAIN TO THE LEGISLATURE, SUCH AS THE LOUNGE OR HEARING ROOMS AND SO FORTH. HOW MANY OF YOU ALL WOULD SUPPORT THAT? I'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO FIND OUT. I WILL HAVE THE RESOLUTION DRAFTED AND I'LL BRING IT AROUND TO EACH SENATOR AND WE'RE GOING HAVE SOME TRANSPARENCY. AND THEN WHETHER I GET MANY SIGNATURES OR FEW, I WILL FILE IT, AND WE'LL SEE JUST WHAT THE SENATORS WANT TO MAKE TRANSPARENT. NOW THAT'S ONE OF THOSE THINGS I CAN BE PERSUADED... [LB88]

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SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU ARE NOW ON YOUR OWN TIME.
[LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. THAT'S ONE OF THOSE THINGS I CAN BE PERSUADED ON TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT. MY AIM IS NOT JUST TO MAKE A GROUP OF HUNGRY PEOPLE HERE IN THE AFTERNOON WHEN WE HAVE TO SIT THROUGH HEARINGS. MY INTENT IS NOT TO STOP YOU FROM GAINING THAT SIDE PERK, WHICH IS A SHORTENING OF THE WORD "PERQUISITE," ONE OF THOSE BENEFITS THAT ACCRUE AS A RESULT OF THE POSITION THAT YOU HOLD. IT'S NOT SALARY, IT'S NOT PAY, IT'S NOT COMPENSATION, IT'S SOMETHING A LITTLE BIT EXTRA. AND YOU WANT THAT LITTLE BIT EXTRA. YOU NEED THAT LITTLE BIT EXTRA. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT SOME BELTS THAT THEY'VE BEEN ADVERTISING AT ONE OF THESE GADGET SHOWS WHERE EVERYTHING IS DONE HIGH-TECH, THE SMARTPHONES, THE ROBOTS, AND SO FORTH. THEY'VE GOT A BELT NOW WHICH HAS A SENSOR ON IT AND WHENEVER THERE'S AN INCREASE IN THE GIRTH OF THE INDIVIDUAL WEARING THE BELT, IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY LET ITSELF OUT TO ACCOMMODATE THAT INCREASE IN THE GIRTH. BUT I THINK WHAT THEY MIGHT HAVE TO DO, TOO, IS SOMETHING ABOUT THE RIM, THE TOP OF THE BRITCHES BECAUSE IF THE BRITCHES ARE TIGHT, WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE WHAT THE BELT IS? OR MAYBE THEY WILL HAVE BELTLESS BRITCHES, WHO KNOWS. THEY USED TO MAKE PANTS CALLED SANSABELT, WITHOUT A BELT AND THERE WAS NO BELT THAT YOU HAD TO PUT ON. I GUESS IT WAS INSIDE OF SOMETHING LOOPED OVER IT AND YOU JUST PULL IT OVER AND SNAP IT AND THERE YOU GO, OFF AND RUNNING. THEY MAKE EVERYTHING SO CONVENIENT NOW. I WISH I HAD THOUGHT OF THAT ABOUT THE BELT STRAIGHTENING OUT. BUT HERE'S WHAT I AM THINKING ABOUT DOING, I'M GOING TO...BECAUSE I SEE WHERE PEOPLE BUY WATER. THEY PAY FOR WATER, WATER WHICH IS NOT AS HEALTHFUL AS THAT WHICH COMES OUT OF THE TAP. AND IT WAS SHOWN THAT SOME OF THESE COMPANIES USE TAP WATER TO FILL UP THE BOTTLES AND PUT THEIR LABEL ON IT AND PEOPLE PAY FOR IT. THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO PAID FOR WHAT WERE CALLED PET ROCKS. SO I'M GOING TO GET SOME CARDBOARD BOXES AND I'M GOING TO CUT EYE HOLES IN IT AND A PLACE FOR THE NOSE. AND WHERE THE MOUTH SHOULD GO, THERE WON'T BE AN OPENING THERE, BUT THERE WILL BE VARIOUS STICKERS, SOME THAT ARE TURNING DOWN AT THE MOUTH TO LET PEOPLE KNOW YOU'RE ANGRY, TURN UP AT THE CORNERS OF THE MOUTH TO SHOW YOU'RE SMILING, THAT GO STRAIGHT ACROSS TO SHOW THAT YOU'RE NEITHER FISH NOR FOWL. AND YOU KNOW WHAT THOSE BOXES ARE GOING TO BE? THEY'RE GOING TO BE CONTAINERS OF PURIFIED AIR. INSIDE OF THAT BOX YOU WILL HAVE PURIFIED AIR. AND I'M GOING TO SELL THEM FOR \$11.95 A PIECE. AND I WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP THE BOXES IN STORE. I WON'T HAVE THEM IN STOCK. PEOPLE IN THIS SOCIETY

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WILL GO FOR ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING. AND THEY KNOW IF THEY WEAR THE TITLE "LOBBYIST" THAT THEY CAN GET SENATORS TO DO VIRTUALLY ANYTHING. THIS BILL IS AN EXAMPLE. IT SHOULDN'T BE HERE. BUT IT IS HERE. AND SOME OF YOU ALL DON'T WANT TO OFFEND SENATOR CAMPBELL, WHICH I DON'T WANT TO DO, BUT IF ME DOING...MY DOING WHAT I THINK I OUGHT TO DO OFFENDS SOMEBODY, THAT'S ONE OF THE FALLOUTS. BUT WE'RE ALL ADULTS. THINGS DON'T ALWAYS GO THE WAY WE WANT THEM TO GO. I PROBABLY HAVE THINGS TO GO MY WAY IN FEWER INSTANCES THAN ANYBODY ON THIS FLOOR. BUT I VENTURE TO SAY I SPEND MORE TIME ON THIS FLOOR THAN ANYBODY ELSE. I DON'T RUN AND HIDE IN MY OFFICE. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: WHERE ARE THOSE WHO WERE SO INTERESTED IN THE TRANSPARENCY? THEY DO ALL THAT YACKETY-YAKKING, THEN THEY DON'T EVEN SHOW UP FOR THE WORK THAT WE DO. BUT THAT SHOULD NOT DETER US, AND YOU CERTAINLY SHOULD KNOW BY NOW IT WON'T DETER ME. WHETHER THE CHAMBER IS FULL OR ONLY I AM HERE, AND I HAVE NOT ASKED FOR A CALL OF THE HOUSE TO BE SURE THAT THERE IS A QUORUM. ALL THAT ASIDE, ONLY I WOULD BE HERE. I WOULD RUN THE CLOCK ALL THE WAY OUT. AND THE LEGISLATURE WOULD ALWAYS BE IN SESSION BECAUSE I'M PREPARED TO TAKE THE TIME AND THAT'S WHAT I'M DOING NOW. AND I WANT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT I WILL. AND ALTHOUGH I MENTIONED THAT I HAD NO EXPECTATION BEFORE I SAW IT ON THE AGENDA, THAT THE CHIEF JUSTICE WOULD ASSIST ME IN MY EFFORTS... [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: TIME. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I THINK I TOOK...THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: AND IS THIS MY THIRD TIME? [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YES, SIR. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: SOMETIMES I LOSE TRACK. I DON'T THINK THAT I BOTHERED TO THANK THE CHIEF JUSTICE IN ABSENTIA FOR HELPING ME IN THE WAY THAT HE DID. HE BROUGHT ALL OF THE SENATORS INTO THE CHAMBER. AND FOR THAT PERIOD OF TIME, IF NOT AGAIN DURING THE DAY, THE SENATORS WERE IN HERE GIVING THE APPEARANCE OF BEING VERY INTERESTED IN THE PROCEEDINGS, AND THAT IS GOOD. THAT HELPS THE

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IMAGE OF THE LEGISLATURE. BUT I WANT US TO HAVE MORE THAN IMAGE, I WANT US TO HAVE SUBSTANCE. AND IF THAT'S WHAT I WANT AND NOBODY ELSE WANTS IT, I AM NOT FREE OF MY OBLIGATION TO SEEK THAT GOAL. I CAN NEVER BE EXCUSED FOR NOT DOING MY DUTY BECAUSE OTHER PEOPLE WON'T DO THEIRS. I DON'T DO WHAT I DO BECAUSE SOMEBODY ELSE WILL OR WILL NOT DO WHAT HE OR SHE IS SUPPOSED TO DO. I AM A SELF-STARTER, I'M A SELF-GOVERNOR, AND I AM A SELF-IMPOSER OF OBLIGATIONS AND NOBODY COULD BE A HARDER TASKMASTER BECAUSE NOBODY COULD MAKE ME DO THE THINGS THAT I DO. NOBODY COULD PAY ME TO DO THE THINGS THAT I DO IF I WAS OF A MIND NOT TO DO IT. AND IF THERE'S SOMETHING THAT I SHOULD DO, NOBODY CAN PAY ME TO DO IT. AND IT MAY SHOCK SOME OF YOU ALL, BUT PEOPLE HAVE COME TO ME WITH COMPLEX LEGAL ISSUES. AND I DON'T PRACTICE LAW. SO I'M NOT ENGAGING IN THE UNLAWFUL PRACTICE OF LAW. BUT I HAVE OPINIONS AND I HAVE KNOWLEDGE. AND I GIVE PEOPLE THE BENEFIT OF MY KNOWLEDGE. AND THEY OFFER TO PAY ME BECAUSE THESE ARE NOT JUST RUN-OF-THE-MILL, ORDINARY CITIZENS WHO ARE HELD IN SUCH LOW ESTEEM BY THE MEMBERS OF THIS LEGISLATURE. THESE ARE PEOPLE WITH MONEY. AND I TELL THEM YOU CAN'T PAY ME. IF MY NAME WAS ON A SHINGLE THAT SAID ERNIE CHAMBERS, ATTORNEY AT LAW, ALL I HAVE TO SELL IS MY KNOWLEDGE, PLUS MY TIME. SO YOU WOULD PAY ME, BUT I DON'T HAVE THAT SHINGLE. AND THEN I ALWAYS ADD, AND I WANT TO SAY IT UNTIL IT STICKS IN YOU ALL'S MIND, THAT I AM PAID FOR WHAT I DO. I AM PAID FOR WHAT I DO. I'M NOT PAID WELL, BUT I AM PAID FOR WHAT I DO, AS ARE THE REST OF YOU. SO WHEN SOMEBODY WANTS TO PRAISE YOU FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING OR SAY, BOY, ISN'T IT HARD TO MAKE THOSE DECISIONS? KEEP IN YOUR MIND, YOU'RE PAID TO MAKE THOSE DECISIONS. YOU ARE PAID TO DO THE RIGHT THING. AND YOU CHOSE TO ACCEPT THE PAY THAT'S GIVEN. AND THAT'S ALL YOU OUGHT TO ACCEPT BY WAY OF PAY. BUT YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT TO. I USE THE WORD "OUGHT" WHICH CARRIES THE NOTION OF MORAL OBLIGATION, NOT "SHALL", WHICH MEANS YOU'RE MANDATED AND I CAN ENFORCE IT. I'M TELLING YOU WHAT YOU OUGHT TO DO. AND YOU CAN DISREGARD IT, BECAUSE IF YOU GO TO HELL, IT'S NOT GOING TO BE BECAUSE I SENT YOU THERE. I WOULDN'T EVEN SEND HITLER TO HELL, BURN FOREVER AND EVER AND EVER MULTIPLIED BY EVER 12 MILLION TIMES. NO, NOT I. I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I DID. THERE WAS SOME WORK THAT WAS TO BE DONE AND THERE WAS SOME DISPUTE AMONG VARIOUS CONTRACTORS, LARGE CONTRACTORS WHO DO HIGHWAY WORK, AS TO WHAT A CERTAIN PROVISION OF LAW MEANT. ONE OF THESE COMPANIES HAD A BLACK GUY WHO WORKED FOR THEM, AND HE CALLED ME IN MY OFFICE. I'M USING THE STATE'S TELEPHONE IN THE STATE'S OFFICE TALKING TO SOMEBODY ABOUT LEGISLATION. SO WHEN THE QUESTION WAS PUT TO ME... [LB88]

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SPEAKER HADLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I SAID THAT COMPANY IS BIG ENOUGH TO HAVE HOUSE COUNSEL. SO WHY DON'T THE HEADS OF THAT COMPANY TALK TO THEIR HOUSE COUNSEL? AND HE SAID THEY DID. I SAID, AND WHAT DID THAT COUNSEL TELL THEM? AND THEY SAID THE COUNSEL TOLD THEM TO CALL SENATOR CHAMBERS. I SAID, WELL, I TELL YOU WHAT, THOSE PEOPLE ARE PAID A TIDY AMOUNT OF MONEY. WHAT YOU'RE ASKING ME IF IT'S BY WAY OF ADVICE IS WORTH ABOUT \$50,000. HE SAID JUST A MINUTE. IS MY TIME UP, MR. PRESIDENT? [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU HAVE 25 SECONDS. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL I SPEAK AGAIN AND MAYBE I WAS NOT GOING SPEAK AGAIN. BUT NOW THAT I'VE STARTED THAT STORY, I HAVE GOT TO FINISH IT, SO I'M GOING TO HAVE TO OFFER ANOTHER MOTION. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, I'D LIKE A CALL OF THE HOUSE AND A ROLL CALL VOTE. BRING OUR COLLEAGUES IN SO WE CAN DO THE JOB WE'RE PAID TO DO. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR SCHUMACHER IS IN...SCHUMACHER WAIVES. THERE HAS BEEN A REQUEST TO PLACE THE HOUSE UNDER CALL. THE QUESTION IS, SHALL THE HOUSE GO UNDER CALL? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; ALL THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. RECORD, MR. CLERK. [LB88]

CLERK: 16 AYES, 3 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, TO PLACE THE HOUSE UNDER CALL. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: THE HOUSE IS UNDER CALL. SENATORS, PLEASE RECORD YOUR PRESENCE. THOSE UNEXCUSED SENATORS OUTSIDE THE CHAMBER PLEASE RETURN TO THE CHAMBER AND RECORD YOUR PRESENCE. ALL UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL PLEASE LEAVE THE FLOOR. THE HOUSE IS UNDER CALL. SENATOR CRAIGHEAD, SENATOR BOLZ, SENATOR GLOOR, THE HOUSE IS UNDER CALL. PLEASE RECORD YOUR PRESENCE. SENATOR KEN HAAR, THE HOUSE IS UNDER CALL. SENATOR CRAIGHEAD, THE HOUSE IS UNDER CALL. SENATOR CHAMBERS, WHICH TYPE OF VOTE WOULD YOU LIKE? [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ROLL CALL VOTE IN REGULAR ORDER. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: MR. CLERK. [LB88]

CLERK: (ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 349.) 6 AYES,

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31 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, ON THE... [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: THE BRACKET MOTION FAILS. RAISE THE CALL. [LB88]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, SENATOR CHAMBERS WOULD MOVE TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE JUST TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO THE BRACKET MOTION. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: MR. CHAMBERS, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED TO OPEN ON YOUR MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE BRACKET MOTION VOTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, I'M AFRAID THAT THIS MOTION WILL PROBABLY TAKE US TO THE POINT WHERE SOMEBODY IS GOING TO INTERRUPT THE FUN THAT WE'RE HAVING. THEY ARE GOING TO OFFER A MOTION TO ADJOURN. BUT IF I WANTED TO BE SLICK, I COULD OFFER THE MOTION THAT TAKES PRIORITY OVER EVERY OTHER MOTION. DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS? RECESS. AND THAT TAKES PRIORITY OVER A MOTION TO ADJOURN. AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE ORDER OF THESE MOTIONS, YOU WILL SEE THAT THERE IS A LOGIC TO THEM. WHEN A MOTION TO ADJOURN IS ADOPTED, THAT'S CURTAINS, THAT ENDS EVERYTHING. A MOTION TO RECESS MERELY ALLOWS A DELAY, A HIATUS. BUT IF THERE IS ADDITIONAL WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE DURING THAT LEGISLATIVE DAY, YOU CAN STILL DO IT. THEN YOU CAN MOVE TO ADJOURN WHENEVER YOU WANT TO. BUT, IF A MOTION TO ADJOURN IS UP THERE, THE QUESTION YOU SHOULD ASK IS, IF THE MOTION TO RECESS IS A MOTION OF THE HIGHEST ORDER, WOULD A MOTION TO ADJOURN YIELD TO A MOTION TO RECESS? THINK ABOUT IT. BUT IF WORDS HAVE THEIR ORDINARY MEANING, AND THE MOTION WITH THE HIGHEST PRIORITY IS AT THE TOP OF THE LIST, AND ANY MOTION BENEATH THAT ONE IS PENDING, IF THAT ONE AT THE TOP OF THE LIST, WHICH IS TO RECESS, WAS OFFERED BEFORE A VOTE IS TAKEN OR CALLED ON THE MOTION TO ADJOURN, WOULD THE MOTION TO RECESS TAKE PRIORITY? AND IF IT WOULD, THEN SOMEBODY WHO WOULD DO SUCH A DASTARDLY THING WOULD ACTUALLY HAVE TWO VOTES TAKEN ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE SESSION IS GOING TO END FOR THE DAY RIGHT NOW OR LATER. THE MOTION TO ADJOURN IS NOT DEBATABLE. SO WHY DO I SAY ALL THESE THINGS TO YOU? I LOVE TO WASTE TIME. I LOVE TO CAST PEARLS. I LOVE TO BEAT MY HEAD AGAINST A STONE WALL. IT'S FUN. YOU GET USED TO IT. THERE IS A VERY ENTERPRISING PERSON WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE MEDIA WHO FOUND THE SOURCE OF THOSE FOUR LINES THAT I HAD UTTERED THE OTHER DAY. AND I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAD LEARNED THEM MANY, MANY YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS A CHILD, COULD NOT REMEMBER WHERE I FIRST SAW THEM. BUT I READ THEM SOMEWHERE AND THEY WENT--"MY VERY CHAINS AND I GREW FRIENDS, SO MUCH ALONG COMMUNION TENDS, TO MAKE US WHAT WE ARE EVEN I REGAIN MY FREEDOM

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WITH A SIGH." I HAD MISSTATED WHAT THE LAST TWO LINES WERE. I HAD SAID THE LAST TWO LINES SAY...THE FIRST TWO, "MY CHAINS AND I GREW FRIENDS, SO MUCH ALONG COMMUNION TENDS," AND I SAID, "TO MAKE US WHAT WE ARE, THAT I." IT DOESN'T SAY "THAT I." IT SAYS, "EVEN I." AND THEN I MISSTATED THE LAST LINE BY SAYING, "RELINQUISH MY CHAINS WITH A MOURNFUL SIGH." THAT'S NOT WHAT THE LINE SAID. IT SAID, "REGAIN MY FREEDOM WITH A SIGH." AND THAT LITTLE PIECE OF RHYME COMPRISED THE LAST FOUR LINES IN A RHYME THAT COVERED EIGHT PAGES. AND THE AUTHOR OF THOSE EIGHT PAGES WAS GEORGE GORDON, LORD BYRON. SO AT 77 YEARS OLD, MY EDUCATION WAS IMPROVED. SOMETHING THAT I HAVE OFTEN QUOTED DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS, WITHOUT KNOWING ITS SOURCE, WAS MADE KNOWN TO ME. AND I WAS PLEASED FOR THERE HAD BEEN A MYSTERY WHICH I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WAS A MYSTERY. AND THAT MYSTERY COMPRISED THE ACCURATE RENDERING OF THOSE FOUR LINES. IF YOUR MIND IS OPEN AND ACTIVE, YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN. BUT WHEREAS I CAN REFER TO EVERYBODY HERE AS YOUNGSTER OR SONNY OR JUNIOR, THERE IS ONE WHO IS OLDER THAN ALL OF US AND THAT WAS METHUSELAH. BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THOSE FAIRY TALES IN THE "BIBBLE." HE LIVED, BASED ON THE STORY, 969 YEARS. WHAT DO YOU THINK HE WAS DOING ALL THAT TIME, LIVING OR LIVING IT UP? AND WHEN THE INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CAME TO REAP HIM--WELL, THEY CALL HIM THE GRIM REAPER. IN THESE DAYS WITH MODERN TECHNOLOGY HE IS NOW CALLED THE INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER. AND THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE ON FARMS KNOW WHAT INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER PERTAINS TO--BUT WHEN THE GRIM REAPER CAME TO GET HIM, HE HAD LIVED, METHUSELAH THAT IS, 969 YEARS. AND METHUSELAH UTTERED ONE WORD WHEN THE GRIM REAPER SAID, METHUSELAH, IT IS TIME TO GO. THAT ONE WORD WAS, "ALREADY?" VERY FEW PEOPLE ARE READY TO GO WHEN THE WAGON COMES. BUT WHEN IT COMES, IT IS LIKE THAT LITTLE PHRASEOLOGY WE UTTER WHEN WE ARE PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK, READY OR NOT, HERE I COME. BUT IN THAT INSTANCE, IT IS READY OR NOT, YOU'VE GOT TO GO. WHEN YOU ARE YOUNG, WHEN YOU ARE MIDDLE-AGED, WHEN YOU ARE OLD, YOU WILL HEAR IT STATED ANY NUMBER OF TIMES, ANY NUMBER OF WAYS, LIVE THIS DAY AS THOUGH IT WERE YOUR LAST. THAT HAS A NICE RING TO IT. BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW HOW YOU WOULD LIVE THE DAY IF IT WAS YOUR LAST WHEN YOU KNOW IT IS NOT YOUR LAST DAY? BUT THESE SLOGANS ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE A SOUND AND FEEL OF PROFUNDITY THAT WILL CAUSE PEOPLE TO GET A VERY THOUGHTFUL LOOK ON THEIR FACE AND THEY WILL TRY TO THINK DEEPLY ABOUT IT AND THEN THEY WILL GO AND DO WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO ANYWAY. WHEN YOU STUDY PEOPLE, YOU CAN ANTICIPATE AND PREDICT WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO AND EVEN WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO SAY WITHOUT BEING A MIND READER. PEOPLE EITHER INTENTIONALLY OR BY GOING ALONG WITH WHATEVER ENVIRONMENT THEY ARE IN, WIND UP

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BEING PROGRAMMED. AND A PROGRAM IS A SYSTEM WHEREBY WHATEVER OR WHOEVER IS GOING TO ACT OR DO SOMETHING IS GOING TO DO IT ACCORDING TO A SET PATTERN. AND YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. AND THAT BRINGS ME TO A DISCUSSION OF WHAT HAPPENED WHEN I WAS AT CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY, A JESUIT UNIVERSITY, PEOPLE ARE SHOCKED THAT I GRADUATED FROM A JESUIT UNIVERSITY. JUST LIKE THEY ARE SHOCKED THAT I GOT AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM THE ARMY. IN FACT, SOME PEOPLE CAME TO THE DOOR OF MY OFFICE YESTERDAY AND KNOCKED ON THE DOOR AND WHEN CINDY, WHO WORKS IN MY OFFICE, CAME TO THE DOOR, YOU KNOW THE FIRST THING THESE PEOPLE SAID, THEY WERE VETERANS, DID YOU KNOW SENATOR CHAMBERS WAS IN THE MILITARY? NOW SHE'S WORKED WITH ME...I WON'T SAY HOW MANY YEARS, BUT A GOOD NUMBER OF YEARS, LADIES CAN TELL THAT IF THEY WANT TO. SHE SAID WELL, YES, I KNEW THAT. AND THEN THEY SAID, AND DID YOU KNOW HE GOT AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE? SHE SAID, YES,... [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I KNEW THAT. IT IS LIKE ASKING HER, DID YOU KNOW THAT THE MAN YOU WORK FOR HAS THE LAST NAME "CHAMBERS"? A LOT OF TIMES PEOPLE DON'T THINK. BUT THAT IS THE WAY PEOPLE ARE. AND I'M GOING TO TELL YOU HOW SOMEBODY WALKED ON WATER THAT WAS NOT FROZEN NEXT TIME I'M RECOGNIZED. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, THANK YOU. MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, THERE WAS THIS POOL OF WATER AND YOU ALL KNOW THAT THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS MAGIC. THERE IS MISDIRECTION, THERE IS SLEIGHT OF HAND, BUT THERE IS NO MAGIC I ASSURE YOU. ONE WHO WAS GOING TO BE DEEMED A MAGICIAN OR AN ILLUSIONIST SETS UP THE TRICK AND TRIES TO DISTRACT YOU WITH MOVEMENT THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE TRICK TO BE PERFORMED AND THEY GIVE BANTER AND CONVERSATION THAT YOU ENJOY AND THEY ARE GETTING YOU IN A FRAME OF MIND WHERE YOU ARE RECEPTIVE AND YOU CAN BE FOOLED. SO IN SETTING UP THIS TRICK, THIS GUY WANTED PEOPLE TO THINK THAT HE WAS MAGIC. SO HE GOT SOME TALL PIECES OF WOOD AND HE SPACED THEM UNDER THIS WATER. AND ABOUT ONE INCH OF WATER WAS ABOVE EACH ONE OF THESE POLES, POSITIONED IN THE WATER. AND THEN HE TOLD THESE PEOPLE THAT I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING THAT HAS NEVER BEEN DONE. I'VE MADE CERTAIN REPRESENTATIONS WHICH YOU DON'T BELIEVE. I'VE DONE SOME THINGS WHICH YOU SAW, BUT YOU DON'T BELIEVE. BUT I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING THAT YOU CANNOT DENY. I'M GOING TO

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WALK ACROSS THIS WATER FROM THIS POINT TO THE OTHER SIDE. AND THEY LAUGHED. HE SAID, AND WHEN I SAY WALK, I MEAN I'M GOING TO TAKE ONE STEP AT THE TIME, PUT ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER UNTIL I GET ACROSS, AND I GUARANTEE YOU, I WILL NOT SINK. SO THEY ARE PREPARED TO MOCK AND RIDICULE. THEY DON'T REALIZE THAT IT IS FOOLISH TO BET AGAINST THE HOUSE. IT IS FOOLISH TO BET AGAINST A STACKED DECK. SO IF I'M PLAYING WITH A STACKED DECK, I HAVE TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T KNOW THAT. SO THEY WORE IN HIS DAYS LONG ROBES. SO HE PULLED UP HIS ROBES SO THE HEMS WOULDN'T GET WET, AND HE GINGERLY DIPPED THE TOE OF THE LEFT FOOT INTO THE WATER, THEN HE ACTED LIKE HE STUMBLED AND WENT FORWARD AND THE WATER CAME UP TO HIS ANKLE AND ALMOST UP TO HIS KNEE AND HE PULLED HIS FOOT OUT AND HE SHOOK THE WATER OFF AND HE SAID THAT DOESN'T COUNT BECAUSE I WAS NOT...I HAD NOT STARTED YET. YOU KNOW HOW THAT HELPS SET UP THE TRICK? THIS IS WATER AND THIS WATER IS DEEP. BUT THEY DIDN'T KNOW THAT. THAT WAS A PART OF THE TRICK, TO CONTROL YOUR MIND AND MAKE YOU SEE WHAT HE TOLD YOU YOU WERE GOING TO SEE. AND NOW ALL YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT, UH-HUH, WHEN HE STEPS IN THAT WATER HE IS GOING TO SINK JUST LIKE THAT HAPPENED. SO AFTER THAT TOE GINGERLY IN THE WATER, HE THEN TOOK THAT FIRST TENTATIVE STEP AND HE PUT WEIGHT ON IT. AND THEN WHEN HE LEANED FORWARD ENOUGH SO THEY KNEW THAT THERE WAS NO WEIGHT ON THE BACK FOOT, THEN THEY WERE AMAZED BECAUSE HE DID NOT SINK. THE WATER IS SUPPORTING HIS WEIGHT. THEN AFTER HE GOT THAT FOOT STATIONED, TOOK A LITTLE CEREMONIAL TIME AND PLACED THE NEXT FOOT ON TOP OF THAT POST, WHICH THOSE WATCHING DID NOT KNOW WAS THERE. AND HE REPEATED IT STEP BY SLOW, CAREFUL STEP UNTIL HE MADE IT ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE POOL. AND WHEN HE GOT TO THE OTHER SIDE, THERE WAS... [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...NOTHING BUT SILENCE ON THE OTHER SIDE AS THERE IS IN THIS CHAMBER RIGHT NOW. AND THEY DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THEY HAD BEEN TRICKED AND THE WORD WENT ABROAD THAT BEHOLD, VERILY, VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, HERE IS A MAN WHO WALKS ON WATER. AND NOW YOU KNOW HOW IT WAS DONE. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. TO UPDATE, AND I MAY HAVE TOLD SOME OF YOU ALL THIS ALREADY, THERE WAS A FIGHTER NAMED MUHAMMAD ALI, AND HE BROUGHT SOMETHING TO BOXING THAT NOBODY HAD BROUGHT BEFORE. HE WOULD PREDICT THE ROUND IN WHICH HE WOULD KNOCK

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SOMEBODY OUT. WELL, HE KNOCKED GUYS OUT AND SOME HE DECISIONED AND HE WOULD DANCE AND MOVE AROUND AND NOBODY COULD HIT HIM AND HE COINED THE PHRASE "FLOAT LIKE A BUTTERFLY, STING LIKE A BEE, YOU CAN'T HIT WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE." SO THEN A MAN NAMED GEORGE FOREMAN CAME ALONG, A BIG IN APPEARANCE, BRUTISH MAN, BUT HE HAD THE FACE WITH THE PECULIAR INNOCENCE OF EXPRESSION THAT LOOKED LIKE A CHERUB. EVEN NOW, HE GIVES ADVERTISEMENTS FOR SOME KIND OF HAMBURGER COOKER, HE LOOKS LIKE AN ELDERLY BABY. BUT IN THOSE DAYS HE WAS CONSIDERED FEROCIOUS. HE WOULD DRAW BACK TO HIT SOMEBODY AND THEY WOULD FALL, KNOCKED OUT COLD FROM FEAR. SO MUHAMMAD ALI WAS GOING TO FIGHT HIM AND EVERYBODY WANTED ALI TO BE WHIPPED BECAUSE THEY FOUND OUT IN THE MEANTIME THAT HE WAS A MUSLIM. HE HAD REFUSED TO TAKE THE OATH TO GO IN THE MILITARY BECAUSE HE SAID IT WAS AGAINST HIS RELIGION, AND HE WAS STRIPPED OF HIS TITLE. HE WAS ORDERED TO GO TO JAIL. THE U.S. SUPREME COURT LOOKED AT ALL THE ISSUES AND UNANIMOUSLY UPHELD HIS RIGHT NOT TO GO. SO HE BEGAN FIGHTING AGAIN. AND WHEN HE FOUGHT GEORGE FOREMAN, GEORGE FOREMAN WAS COMING AFTER HIM AND HE WAS SWINGING THOSE BRUTISH PUNCHES. AND PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE COULD FEEL THE WIND THAT WAS CREATED. AND ALI WOULD FALL AGAINST THE ROPES AND GEORGE FOREMAN WOULD COME AND THINK HE HAD HIM AND HE WOULD JUST BE FLAILING AWAY. AND WHEN HE GOT THROUGH, AT ONE POINT, MUHAMMAD ALI LOOKED OUT OVER THE TOP RING ROPE AND WINKED AS IF TO TELL PEOPLE THIS IS MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. THEN THEY GOT TO ABOUT THE EIGHTH ROUND. AND IN THIS CASE, GEORGE FOREMAN WAS AGAINST THE ROPES. AND ALI HAD HIS HEAD ON GEORGE FOREMAN'S CHEST AND HE SAID--GEORGE, YOU ARE BREATHING AWFUL HARD. THIS IS THE LAST PLACE IN THE WORLD YOU WANT TO BE TIRED IN. AND HE KNOCKED HIM OUT. WELL, ALI WAS SO FAST AS A FIGHTER THAT HE WANTED TO DEMONSTRATE THE SPEED WITH WHICH HE COULD MOVE. AND HE SAID, I AM SO FAST, I CAN TURN OUT THE LIGHT AND BE IN BED BEFORE THE ROOM GETS DARK. AND EVERYBODY LAUGHED AT HIM. HE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT HE COULD DO IT. BUT I THOUGHT ABOUT IT, AND LIKE THEY SAY IN THE LITTLE NURSERY RHYME, I THOUGHT ON IT AND I THOUGHT ON IT AND I THOUGHT ON IT, THEN I FIGURED HOW YOU COULD DO IT AND I'M GOING TO TELL YOU HOW YOU COULD DO IT. YOU GET INTO A ROOM THAT HAS A LIGHT SWITCH. YOU MOVE YOUR BED OVER TO THE WALL JUST UNDER THE LIGHT SWITCH. THEN YOU HIT THE LIGHT SWITCH AND BEFORE THE ROOM GETS DARK YOU ARE IN BED. THAT'S HOW IT IS DONE. THERE IS AN EXPLANATION THAT CAN BE GIVEN FOR EVERYTHING THAT ANYBODY SAYS, IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT. LANGUAGE HAS LIMITATIONS IN TERMS OF WHAT WORDS MEAN SO YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT TO PUSH PEOPLE INTO CORNERS THROUGH A CONVERSATION. BUT WHAT PEOPLE KNOW WHEN THEY ARE THOUGHTFUL, THAT THERE IS MORE

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TO A CONCEPT AND AN IDEA THAN THE WORDS USED TO EXPRESS IT. BUT THEY DON'T THINK THAT DEEPLY, BECAUSE UNFORTUNATELY IN THIS COUNTRY WE DON'T HAVE THE KIND OF EDUCATION SYSTEM THAT ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO BE REFLECTIVE, TO BE ANALYTICAL BUT, RATHER, TO BE LIKE CONTAINERS THAT RECEIVE AND THEN THEY GIVE BACK, THEN THEY GET A PIECE OF PAPER THAT SAYS YOU DID THAT AND NOW YOU CAN GO OUT INTO THE WORLD AND SEEK YOUR FORTUNE. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I WILL BE POOR THE REST OF MY LIFE AS PEOPLE RECKON BEING POOR, BUT I'M NOT IMPOVERISHED. BUT COMPARED TO HOW I LIVE, A SPARTAN LIVED A LAVISH EXISTENCE BECAUSE I WEAR THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD LOOSELY. MATERIAL THINGS DON'T HAVE ANY MEANING TO ME. THEY HAVE NO HOLD OVER ME. SO IT OUGHT TO BE EASY FOR ME TO GET IN HEAVEN, EASIER THAN THE GOVERNOR BECAUSE JESUS SAID IT IS GOING TO BE HARDER FOR GOVERNOR RICKETTS TO GET INTO HEAVEN THAN IT IS FOR A CAMEL TO GO THROUGH THE EYE OF A NEEDLE. OH, HE WAS TALKING ABOUT GOVERNOR RICKETTS. HE SAID A RICH MAN. THAT INCLUDES GOVERNOR RICKETTS, BUT YOU ALL PRAY FOR HIM TOMORROW MORNING AND MAYBE HE WILL GET SOME SLACK. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS, THERE IS NO ONE ELSE IN THE QUEUE. YOU ARE RECOGNIZED TO CLOSE ON YOUR MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE TO BRACKET. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. I DID ALL I COULD TO KEEP MY PROMISE TODAY, BUT I CANNOT QUITE DO IT BECAUSE I HAVE ONLY FIVE MINUTES TO SPEAK BUT THERE ARE SIX MINUTES REMAINING TO THE SESSION. SO, WITH ALL OF MY CONFIDENT UTTERANCES, I'M GOING TO BE DEFEATED. BUT I DON'T MIND. WE GET STRONG BY DOING HARD THINGS. AND SENATOR FRIESEN, WHEN WE FALL DOWN WE PICK OURSELVES UP, DUST OURSELVES OFF, AND START ALL OVER AGAIN AND THAT'S WHAT I'M GOING TO DO TOMORROW MORNING...THIRD VERSE, SAME AS THE FIRST. AND THE MOTIONS THAT WE WENT THROUGH YESTERDAY AND TODAY WE WILL GO THROUGH AGAIN TOMORROW. AND I'M ENJOYING MYSELF. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I'LL ENJOY MYSELF THIS MUCH AGAIN DURING THIS SESSION. WHAT I'M DOING IS SO ENJOYABLE, IT HAS GOT TO BE SINFUL. BUT AS BILLY JOEL SAID, I'D RATHER LAUGH WITH THE SINNERS THAN CRY WITH THE SAINTS. SAINTS HAVE FAR MORE FUN AND THEN HE SAID ONLY THE GOOD DIE YOUNG. NO, WHAT HE OUGHT TO SAY IS, ONLY THE YOUNG DIE GOOD, BECAUSE IF YOU LIVE PAST BEING YOUNG, YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE GOOD. SO THAT'S HOW THAT GOES. NOW, FOR ALL OF YOU WHO CONSIDER

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YOURSELVES OLD, IF YOU ARE NOT YET PROSPERING, YOU ARE NOT COMPLYING WITH WHAT THE "BIBBLE" IMPLIED BY WAY OF A QUESTION. IT WAS NOT A DECLARATIVE STATEMENT, IT WAS A QUESTION. AND THE QUESTION IS THIS--WHY DO THE WICKED GROW OLD AND PROSPER? NOW, GENERAL GARRETT IS FULFILLING THAT. I AM NOT. I CONFESS. I'VE GROWN OLD, BUT I'M HARDLY PROSPERING SO I'VE GOT SOME WORK TO DO. BUT I'M NOT INTERESTED IN PROSPERING. I DON'T PLAY THE LOTTERY SO I CAN'T DO THAT. I DON'T BET THE HORSES SO I CAN'T WIN ANYTHING THERE. I DON'T HAVE ANY RICH RELATIVES WHO IF THEY CROAK WOULD LEAVE ME ANYTHING. THERE IS NO WAY FOR ME TO PROSPER, SO I'M SAFE. NOW YOU TAKE THAT LITTLE WHIPPERSNAPPER IN THE FRONT ROW WHOSE NAME I WON'T CALL...DID I GIVE A NAME? I JUST MAKE HATS. IF SOMEBODY FEELS THE HAT FITS AND THEY PUT IT ON THEIR HEAD, THAT'S THEM. NOW HE'S GOT TIME TO GROW OLD AND PROSPER. AND IT'S BEEN NOISED ABROAD THROUGHOUT THE LAND, THAT HE KNOWS CERTAIN THINGS ABOUT CERTAIN ACTIVITIES WHICH IF HE PLIES HIMSELF WELL IN THAT REGARD, HE IS GOING TO PROSPER, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. BUT HE'S GOING TO HAVE TO WORK TO MAKE SURE THAT HE GROWS OLD. SO HE SHOULD GET PLENTY OF REST. HE SHOULD EAT HIS BROCCOLI AND DRINK A LOT OF WATER. AND IF HE GETS CHEST PAINS, HE SHOULD CHEW A COUPLE OF ASPIRINS AND CALL THE DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY, TO MAKE SURE IF HE IS HAVING A HEART ATTACK AND THERE IS A CLOT IT WILL KIND OF BREAK UP A LITTLE BIT AND HE GOT A CHANCE TO SURVIVE. I'M TRYING TO BE HELPFUL IN AS MANY WAYS AS I CAN THIS MORNING BECAUSE NO MAN KNOWS THE DAY OR THE HOUR WHEN THE END COMETH, AND COMETH IT SURELY SHALL SOME PEOPLE SAY. BUT IF THEY ARE AS CORRECT ABOUT THAT AS THEY ARE WHEN THEY ARE UP THERE PRAYING EVERY MORNING, WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT SUCH A THING AS THE END. THERE IS NO SUCH THING, IT IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. AND THEY DON'T BELIEVE IT. AND WHEN I WAS YOUNG, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT TAUGHT ME ABOUT THE USELESSNESS OF RELIGION. IF THERE IS THE FIRE... [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...AND THE BRIMSTONE AND THE HELL AND THE DEVIL THAT THEY TALKED ABOUT, AND THEY KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT IT, AND THEY ARE NOT AFRAID OF IT, THEN WHY SHOULD I? MY CONCLUSION IS THAT THEY ARE LYING TO ME AND THAT'S MY CONCLUSION ABOUT ALL THESE RELIGIOUS PEOPLE WHO TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY BELIEVE WHEN I LOOK AT THEIR CONDUCT. AND I'M JUDGING THEM BY THE STANDARD THEY SET. AND IT IS THAT "BIBBLE," A TREE IS KNOWN BY THE FRUIT IT BEARS, THAT'S HOW YOU KNOW THEM. AND OF THE ABUNDANCE OF THE HEART, THE MOUTH SPEAKETH. SO I'M JUST JUDGING THEM BY THE STANDARD THEY SET. MR.

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CHAIRMAN, I FEEL SO COLLEGIAL TODAY THAT I'M NOT GOING TO ASK FOR A CALL OF THE HOUSE AND I WILL END MY PRESENTATION AT THIS POINT. THANK YOU. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: THE QUESTION IS THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE TO BRACKET. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; ALL THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. MR. CLERK, RECORD. [LB88]

CLERK: 6 AYES, 19 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, ON THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: THE MOTION FAILS. MR. CLERK, ANNOUNCEMENTS? [LB88]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, AMENDMENT TO BE PRINTED, SENATOR JOHNSON TO LB92. NOTICE OF HEARING FROM THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE; A SERIES OF NOTICES FROM THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. YOUR COMMITTEE ON GENERAL AFFAIRS REPORTS LB160 TO GENERAL FILE; LB241, GENERAL FILE, AND LB17, INDEFINITELY POSTPONED, THOSE SIGNED BY SENATOR LARSON. GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY SENATOR MURANTE REPORTS LB272 TO GENERAL FILE AND LB305 TO GENERAL FILE WITH AMENDMENTS. I HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT FROM SENATOR BAKER. THAT WILL BE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE. AN AMENDMENT BY SENATOR KINTNER TO LB88 TO BE PRINTED. MR. PRESIDENT, UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: SENATOR JOHNSON WOULD ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO USE ROOM 1524 AS OPPOSED TO ROOM 2102 FOR HIS PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGES 349-353.) [LB92 LB160 LB241 LB17 LB272 LB305 LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS? IF NOT, SO ORDERED. [LB88]

CLERK: I HAVE A MOTION FROM SENATOR CAMPBELL WITH RESPECT TO CANCELING THE HEARING. THAT WILL BE LAID OVER. NAME ADDS: SENATORS MORFELD, SCHEER, CAMPBELL, WATERMEIER TO LR23; SENATORS COASH, KINTNER, HUGHES TO LB427; SENATOR BLOOMFIELD TO LB118; SENATOR MELLO AND COASH TO LR23; SENATOR KRIST TO LB187; SENATOR GROENE TO LB651; SENATOR BLOOMFIELD TO LB427. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 353.) [LR23 LB427 LB118 LB187 LB651]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER WOULD MOVE TO ADJOURN THE BODY UNTIL FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, AT 9:00 A.M.

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SPEAKER HADLEY: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. OPPOSED,
NAY. MOTION PASSES.