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PRESIDENT FOLEY PRESIDING

PRESIDENT FOLEY: GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. WELCOME TO THE GEORGE W. NORRIS LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER FOR THE NINETEENTH DAY OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION. OUR CHAPLAIN FOR TODAY IS PASTOR BOB LAWRENCE OF THE AUBURN CHURCH OF CHRIST IN AUBURN, NEBRASKA, SENATOR WATERMEIER'S DISTRICT. PLEASE RISE.

PASTOR LAWRENCE: (PRAYER OFFERED.)

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, PASTOR LAWRENCE. I CALL TO ORDER THE NINETEENTH 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, MR. PRESIDENT.

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

CLERK: THERE ARE. I HAVE A SERIES OF HEARING NOTICES FROM THE BANKING, COMMERCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE; THOSE SIGNED BY SENATOR SCHEER, AS CHAIR. CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT FROM SENATOR JOHNSON, THAT WILL BE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE. MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY REPORTS LB167 TO GENERAL FILE, LB194 TO GENERAL FILE, LB301 TO GENERAL FILE, AND LB314, GENERAL FILE WITH AMENDMENTS. AND BANKING, COMMERCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS LB252 TO GENERAL FILE. THOSE SIGNED BY THE RESPECTIVE CHAIRPERSON...LB252 AND LB286. THAT'S ALL THAT I HAVE, MR. PRESIDENT. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGES 375-377.) [LB167 LB194 LB301 LB314 LB252 LB286]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. WHILE THE LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION AND CAPABLE OF TRANSACTING BUSINESS, I PROPOSE TO SIGN

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AND DO HEREBY SIGN LR40, LR42. WE RETURN NOW TO GENERAL FILE. MR. CLERK. [LR40 LR42]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, LB88. IT'S A BILL BY SENATOR CAMPBELL. (READ TITLE.) THE BILL HAS BEEN DISCUSSED. THERE WAS AN AMENDMENT PENDING WHEN THE LEGISLATURE LEFT THE ISSUE. SENATOR KINTNER HAD MOVED TO AMEND WITH AM131. SENATOR CHAMBERS HAD MOVED TO AMEND THAT WITH FA7. THAT AMENDMENT FAILED. SENATOR CHAMBERS, SUBSEQUENT TO THAT ACTION, MOVED TO RECONSIDER HIS AMENDMENT TO THE KINTNER AMENDMENT. SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOUR MOTION TO RECONSIDER YOUR AMENDMENT IS PENDING. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, THIS IS A NEW DAY, AS IS EVERY MORNING. BUT THERE HAS BEEN SOME ACTIVITY ON THIS BILL. BUT I'M NOT GOING TO WITHDRAW MY MOTION JUST YET BECAUSE THERE MAY NEED TO BE A BIT OF DISCUSSION. I HAVE BEEN STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THIS BILL FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, BUT ONE THAT EVERYBODY ON THIS FLOOR CAN UNDERSTAND REGARDLESS OF THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD MARRIAGE. THIS THING CALLED A FEE IS REALLY A TAX. YESTERDAY, I HANDED OUT AN ARTICLE FROM 1993 WHICH WAS A REPORT OF THE ACTIONS I HAD TAKEN ALL THOSE YEARS AGO. AND THAT WASN'T THE ONLY YEAR, BUT THAT'S THE ONLY ARTICLE I COULD FIND QUICKLY DEALING WITH IT, WHERE I FOUGHT AGAINST INCREASES IN PARK ENTRY FEES THAT THE GAME AND PARKS WANTED, AN INCREASE IN COURT COSTS BECAUSE THE SUPREME COURT WANTED THESE FEES IN ORDER TO AUTOMATE THEIR SYSTEM. AND THERE WAS ANOTHER ONE, THREE OF THEM, AT ANY RATE. AND MY ARGUMENT WAS THAT EVERY ONE OF THESE FEE INCREASES WOULD HAVE A DISPROPORTIONATE AND NEGATIVE IMPACT ON POOR PEOPLE. I HAD STATED AT THAT TIME, AND I STILL MEAN IT, THAT A FEE IS ANOTHER NAME FOR A TAX. AND IF YOU ARE GOING TO PUT THESE KIND OF THINGS THAT YOU CALL USER FEES ON VARIOUS ACTIVITIES, NONE OF THOSE SHOULD BE NECESSITIES. IF YOU WANT TO PUT A USER FEE ON SOMETHING THAT IS OPTIONAL OR NONESSENTIAL, YOU CAN THEN ARGUE ABOUT THE MERIT OF WHETHER THAT PARTICULAR FEE OUGHT TO BE ADOPTED AT ALL. BUT IT REACHES WITH ME A DEEPER AND PROFOUNDER LEVEL WHEN THERE IS AN ITEM WHICH IS ON A TAKE-IT OR LEAVE-IT BASIS. BUT IF YOU LEAVE IT, MEANING YOU WON'T PAY THE FEE, SOMETHING WHICH THE STATE HAS MADE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL IN ORDER FOR YOU TO ENJOY OR TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AN ESSENTIAL ACTIVITY, THAT IS WRONG AND I WILL FIGHT ANY FEE THAT ATTEMPTS TO DO THAT. IN THOSE DAYS, I HAD USED THE EXAMPLE OF A "DRIVER" LICENSE. I KNOW PEOPLE MAKE IT POSSESSIVE, DRIVER'S. BUT THE WORD "DRIVER" IS NOT POSSESSIVE, IT IS DESCRIPTIVE. SO IT IS REALLY AN ADJECTIVE AND THERE SHOULD NOT BE AN APOSTROPHE S SAYING DRIVER'S

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LICENSE. IT IS A DRIVER LICENSE. BUT AT ANY RATE, YOU MUST HAVE THAT. THEREFORE, YOU MUST PAY ALL OF THE FEES THAT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH REGISTERING THAT VEHICLE OR YOU CANNOT LEGALLY DRIVE. THEREFORE, WHATEVER THE STATE CHARGES, YOU HAVE GOT TO PAY IT. AND THOSE ARE THE FEES THAT I LOOK AT MOST CLOSELY. WHEN IT COMES TO THIS ITEM OF THE MARRIAGE LICENSE, THAT LICENSE, THAT PIECE OF PAPER IS ESSENTIAL. YOU CANNOT DO WITHOUT IT IF YOU WANT TO BE THE ENJOYER, IF YOU WANT TO CALL IT THAT, OF A PARTICULAR STATUS. AND ONCE YOU ARE IN THAT STATUS, THERE ARE CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES, PRIVILEGES THAT AUTOMATICALLY ARE ATTACHED TO THAT STATUS. SO WHEN PEOPLE ARE MARRIED, FOR WHATEVER REASON THEY MAY HAVE, THEY ARE IN A STATUS THAT IS GRANTED OFFICIAL LEGAL RECOGNITION BY THE STATE. THE STATE, HAVING PLACED THESE MANDATED CIRCUMSTANCES, SHOULD NOT USE THAT LICENSE AS A WAY TO RAISE REVENUE. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: IF YOU ARE GOING TO RAISE REVENUE, DO IT IN THE ORDINARY WAY THAT A STATE OR A SOVEREIGN DOES IT. THAT IS BY ASSESSING TAXES CALLED TAXES AND IN THE WAY THAT TAXES ARE ASSESSED; NOT BY HIDING BEHIND A FEE, PUTTING PEOPLE OVER A BARREL WHERE THEY PAY UP OR ELSE. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. (DOCTOR OF THE DAY INTRODUCED.) SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. [LB88]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. GOOD MORNING, COLLEAGUES. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WE HAVE COME TO SOME KIND OF AN AGREEMENT ON LB88 ON THE INCREASE IN THE MARRIAGE LICENSE FEE. WE HAVE NOT COME TO AN AGREEMENT, IN MY MIND, ON THE 300 PERCENT INCREASE IN CERTIFIED COPIES. I, THEREFORE, WILL HAVE AN AMENDMENT TO THAT PORTION OF THE BILL. BUT AFTER TALKING TO SENATOR CAMPBELL A LITTLE BIT, I'M NOT GOING TO INTRODUCE THAT AMENDMENT UNTIL SELECT FILE. AND WE MAY HAVE TO SPEND FOUR HOURS ON IT AT THAT POINT. AS UNFAIR AS I THOUGHT A 300 PERCENT INCREASE WAS IN THE MARRIAGE LICENSE ITSELF, THAT SAME SIZE INCREASE IS EQUALLY AS UNFAIR WHEN YOU'RE GETTING A CERTIFIED COPY. I'M WELL AWARE THAT THAT IS THE RATE THAT THE STATE CHARGES, BUT I THINK EVEN A LITTLE COMMON SENSE WILL TELL YOU IT DOESN'T COST AS MUCH FOR THE COUNTY TO DO SOMETHING AS IT DOES THE STATE. IT'S JUST THE WAY IT IS. A SMALL COUNTY...I UNDERSTAND DOUGLAS, SARPY MAY HAVE SOMEWHERE NEAR THE SAME EXPENSE, BUT YOU GET INTO A SMALL

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COUNTY, WHICH MAKES UP MOST OF OUR STATE, IT'S JUST NOT THERE. AND A 300 PERCENT INCREASE IS STILL A 300 PERCENT INCREASE AND I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THAT. AND I WILL YIELD THE REMAINDER OF MY TIME TO SENATOR CHAMBERS IF HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU HAVE 3:00 OF SENATOR BLOOMFIELD'S TIME. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE POINT THAT I WAS MAKING WHEN I RAN OUT OF TIME IS THAT A STATE HAS THE MEANS BY WHICH TO RAISE REVENUE. THAT IS BY TAXATION. BECAUSE POLITICIANS ARE SO DISINGENUOUS, SO DISHONEST, SO UNWILLING TO FACE THE TRUTH AND TELL THE TRUTH, THEY MISLABEL IT SOMETHING ELSE. SO YOU'VE HEARD THAT EXPRESSION WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TAXES, SENATOR FRIESEN, HERE'S THE WAY THE POLITICIANS DO IT: IF IT LOOKS LIKE A DUCK, IF IT WALKS LIKE A DUCK, IF IT QUACKS LIKE A DUCK, IT'S A CHICKEN. A TAX IS A TAX IS A TAX. YOU ARE TAKING MONEY FROM THE CITIZEN, THE RESIDENT, OR WHOEVER IS IN A POSITION WHERE THEY HAVE TO PAY IT, BECAUSE IF YOU HAVE A SALES TAX, YOU CAN BE WHAT THESE PEOPLE IN PLACES LIKE FREMONT REFER TO AS AN ILLEGAL. WHEN YOU TAKE AN ADJECTIVE AND TURN IT INTO A NOUN AND ATTACH IT TO A HUMAN BEING YOU HAVE REMOVED THAT PERSON FROM THE HUMAN RACE AND CONSIGNED HIM OR HER TO THE KINGDOM OF "THINGDOM." YOU'LL NEVER HEAR ME SAY A WHITE. I SAY WHITE PEOPLE, WHITE PERSONS, BECAUSE WHITE IS AN ADJECTIVE. I WILL NOT TURN MY WORST ENEMY INTO SOMETHING OTHER THAN A HUMAN BEING. MAYBE I'LL FIND A WAY TO CRITICIZE THAT HUMAN BEING, MOCK AND RIDICULE THAT HUMAN BEING IF HE OR SHE IS STRONG ENOUGH TO PUT UP A FAIR FIGHT, BUT I WILL NOT TAKE AN ADJECTIVE... [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE, SENATOR. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...AND TURN IT INTO A NOUN. SO A TAX IS A TAX. AND THESE POLITICIANS OUGHT TO SAY IT FOR WHAT IT IS. COUNTY BOARDS LEARN FROM THEIR MASTER, WHICH IS THE STATE. THE STATE PLAYS THIS GAME; WE WILL PLAY IT. THE CITIES PLAY IT. CHILDREN LEARN FROM THEIR PARENTS. CHILDREN IMITATE THEIR PARENTS. WHEN YOU ARE ONE WHO DOESN'T TELL THE TRUTH, YOUR CHILDREN DON'T TELL THE TRUTH. YOU USE VIOLENCE, YOUR CHILDREN USE VIOLENCE. BEWARE OF HOW YOU TEACH YOUR CHILDREN, NOT JUST BY WORDS BUT BY EXAMPLE. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR BLOOMFIELD AND SENATOR

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CHAMBERS. SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU ARE NEXT TO SPEAK. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. IN THAT ARTICLE, I USE THE TERM "EXTENDED DEBATE." EVEN IF YOU ARE ENGAGING IN EXTENDED DEBATE AS A TACTIC TO GAIN AN ADVANTAGE, TO WEAKEN THE WILL OF THE ADVERSARY, THAT IS NOT NECESSARILY A FILIBUSTER. AGAIN, PEOPLE WHO DON'T THINK LATCH ONTO LABELS. THEY ARTICULATE SLOGANS. THEY SPEAK IN CLICHES, SO YOU NEVER KNOW PRECISELY WHAT THEY MEAN WHEN THEY SAY SOMETHING. PEOPLE OUGHT TO FIND OUT, FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT THE TERM "BEGGING THE QUESTION" MEANS. WHEN YOU BEG THE QUESTION, THAT DOES NOT MEAN YOU ARE ASKING IN A STRONG WAY THAT SOMEBODY DO A CERTAIN THING. YOU'RE NOT ASKING A QUESTION. YOU'RE NOT ASKING THEM TO ASK A QUESTION. BUT AMERICANS ARE VERY SLOPPY IN THEIR THINKING, IF YOU CAN CALL IT THAT, IMPRECISE IN THEIR LANGUAGE. SO, THEY WILL BE LIKE FORMER MAYOR DALEY...MAYOR DALEY THE DADDY, IN CHICAGO. HE SPOKE SUCH BUNGLESOME ENGLISH THAT REPORTERS HAD DIFFICULTY TRYING TO FATHOM WHAT HE MEANT, SO THEY BEGAN TO WRITE EXACTLY WHAT HE SAID. AND ONE DAY, ONE REPORTER WROTE AN ENTIRE PARAGRAPH QUOTING MAYOR DALEY VERBATIM. THAT MEANS WORD FOR WORD LIKE HE SAID IT, FOR MY COLLEAGUES. MAYOR DALEY READ THAT AND HE WAS FURIOUS. HE CALLED THE NEWSPAPER AND SAID--I WILL NOT ALLOW A COPY OF YOUR NEWSPAPER IN THIS CITY HALL BUILDING AGAIN, AND FURTHERMORE YOU OUGHT TO FIRE THAT REPORTER. AND SO THE EDITOR TO WHOM HE WAS TALKING SAID--FIRE THE REPORTER? ANYBODY CAN READ OR NOT READ THE PAPER, BUT IT IS SERIOUS TO TELL ME TO FIRE A REPORTER. WHAT DID THIS REPORTER DO THAT YOU THOUGHT WAS WORTHY OF HIS BEING TERMINATED? MAYOR DALEY SAID--YOU READ THIS PARAGRAPH. SO THE GUY READ IT. HE SAID--SO? MAYOR DALEY SAID--THAT'S WHY HE OUGHT TO BE FIRED. AND THE EDITOR SAID--THE REPORTER WAS ABLE TO QUOTE YOU WORD FOR WORD BECAUSE HE RECORDED WHAT YOU SAID. AND HE TRANSCRIBED FROM THAT RECORDING WHAT YOU SAID. DALEY WAS CAUGHT. BUT HE SAID--WELL, YOU TELL YOUR REPORTERS, DON'T WRITE WHAT I SAY, WRITE WHAT I MEAN. THAT'S POLITICIANS. DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT THEY SAY. GIVE THEM CREDIT FOR WHAT THEY MEAN, BECAUSE MOST POLITICIANS KNOW THAT THE AVERAGE CITIZEN IS MORE HONEST THAN THAT POLITICIAN. AND IF THAT CITIZEN WILL JUDGE THE POLITICIAN AS HE OR SHE JUDGES HIMSELF OR HERSELF, A MORE NOBLE MOTIVE WILL BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE POLITICIAN THAN THE POLITICIAN IS WORTHY OF RECEIVING. I WANT PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. AND IF THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND, IT WON'T BE BECAUSE I DIDN'T TRY TO MAKE IT CLEAR. BUT I HAVE POINTED OUT THAT I EXTEND THE DEBATE IN ORDER TO PERSUADE MY COLLEAGUES OR PRESSURE THEM INTO AT LEAST MAKING A CHANGE SO THAT A BAD LAW IS LESS BAD. SOME BAD THINGS

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CANNOT BE MADE BETTER. THEY REMAIN AT THE LEVEL OF BEING BAD AND THEY NEVER REACH THE THRESHOLD... [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. ONE MINUTE, SENATOR. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...OF BEING BETTER, SO THEY ARE LESS BAD. WE HAVE A BILL TODAY THAT I TALKED TO THE INTRODUCER ABOUT, AND SHE WAS WILLING TO MAKE IT LESS BAD. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS, SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. [LB88]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. THIS IS PRIMARILY, AGAIN, TO THE NEW FOLKS IN THE BODY. THIS WILL BE YOUR FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH WHAT SENATOR CHAMBERS LIKE TO CALL EXTENDED DEBATE. THINGS WILL MOVE QUICKLY IN ABOUT 15 OR 20 MINUTES WHEN WE GET TO THE POINT WHERE CLOTURE IS CALLED FOR. BUT THERE IS A BETTER LESSON HERE. SENATOR CHAMBERS AND I HAVE STROLLED ARM IN ARM ON THIS BILL. THE NEXT BILL WE TALK ABOUT, WE HAVE A MINOR DISAGREEMENT HERE AND THERE ON, BUT YOU WILL NOTICE SENATOR CHAMBERS AND I HAVE NEITHER ONE CALLED THE OTHER A SCALAWAG OR SCOUNDREL OR ANY SUCH THING. THERE IS A REASON THAT YOU DON'T MAKE ENEMIES ON THIS FLOOR. YOUR FRIEND ON ONE BILL MAY WELL BE YOUR STRONGEST OPPOSITION ON THE NEXT BILL. DO NOT ALLOW EMOTIONS TO GET IN THE WAY OF RELATIONSHIPS BECAUSE IT WILL COME BACK AND HURT YOU ON A BILL THAT YOU WANT VERY MUCH TO PASS. SO SENATOR CHAMBERS AND I AGREE PROBABLY, I WOULD THROW A BALLPARK OUT THERE, 35 PERCENT OF THE TIME. UNFORTUNATELY, HE IS WRONG ABOUT 65 PERCENT OF THE TIME, BUT THAT'S JUST THE WAY IT IS HERE. AND WITH THAT BEING SAID, I WOULD GIVE SENATOR CHAMBERS THE REMAINDER OF MY TIME. THANK YOU. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: 3:20, SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, SENATOR BLOOMFIELD. THANK YOU, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. WHAT I HAVE BEEN DOING THIS MORNING IS SOMETHING THAT YOU ALL WHO ARE NOT IN WITH THE IN-CROWD WILL NOT UNDERSTAND. I SPOKE TO TAKE TIME SO THAT AN AMENDMENT THAT WAS BEING DRAFTED TO INCORPORATE A DEAL THAT WAS STRUCK COULD BE DRAFTED. I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE AMENDMENT IS HERE. NOW I'M NOT GOING TO TELL YOU ALL EVERY TIME I DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT. BUT YOU WILL HAVE NO IDEA OF WHAT I'M DOING AND WHY I'M DOING IT, SO MAKE ANY JUDGMENT YOU WANT. BUT BECAUSE I HAVE THE LIGHTS BY WHICH I AM GUIDED, THE DRUM BEAT TO WHICH I WALK, I DON'T

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CARE PARTICULARLY WHAT ANYBODY ELSE SAYS OR DOES. WE EACH CONDUCT OUR AFFAIRS IN THE WAY WE THINK THAT WE SHOULD. BUT WHEN I'M RECOGNIZED TO SPEAK, BECAUSE MY LIGHT IS ON, THEN I WILL WRAP THIS UP AND EXPLAIN THE PROCESS THAT WE ARE GOING TO GO THROUGH. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED TO CLOSE ON YOUR RECONSIDERATION MOTION. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. AND I THINK THE TIMING, YOU WOULD HAVE TO AGREE, WAS EXQUISITE. JUST AS THE TIME THAT I HAD UNDER THE RULES FOR SPEAKING IS ABOUT TO EXPIRE, I FINISHED WHAT I WANTED TO SAY ON THIS MATTER. BUT I WAS TELLING A STORY YESTERDAY AND I HAVE GOTTEN CALLS FROM PEOPLE ON THE FLOOR AND PEOPLE NOT ON THE FLOOR WHO FELT THAT THEY WERE LEFT HANGING AND THEY WANT TO HEAR THE REST OF IT. BUT I CAN'T FINISH IT ON THIS MOTION. I'M GOING TO WITHDRAW THIS MOTION BECAUSE IT WAS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH AN AMENDMENT THAT SENATOR KINTNER OFFERED. HE CANNOT WITHDRAW...NOBODY CAN WITHDRAW AN AMENDMENT IF THERE IS AN AMENDMENT OR A MOTION PENDING ON IT. I HAD TALKED TO SENATOR KINTNER, THEN I GOT CLEARANCE FROM SENATOR CAMPBELL THAT THIS \$50 AMOUNT SHOULD BE REDUCED TO \$25. YOU CAN'T ALWAYS GET EVERYTHING THAT YOU WANT. BUT THIS IS BETTER THAN GETTING NOTHING BECAUSE I WAS ABLE TO MAKE A BAD BILL LESS BAD. I'M STILL OPPOSED TO IT. BUT I WILL NOT GO TO THE MAT TO TRY TO STOP IT. NOT EVERY BILL THAT I AM OPPOSED TO WILL I TAKE ALL OF THE TIME ALLOWED UNDER THE RULES. IT HAS TO BE A CERTAIN KIND OF BILL AND AFFECT MY SCHEME OF VALUES IN SUCH A WAY THAT I WILL DO EVERYTHING UNDER THE RULES TO TRY TO STOP IT. SO, ON THIS DEAL THAT WAS STRUCK, THEY MIGHT CALL IT, THE COUNTY BOARD AND THOSE PEOPLE, SINCE THEY MADE IT WITH ME, A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL. BUT BY MAKING A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL, THEY ARE DEALING WITH SOMEBODY WHO IS FAR MORE HONORABLE THAN THEY. BECAUSE IF I SAY SOMETHING YOU CAN COUNT ON IT; NOT SO WITH THEM. AND I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT MY COLLEAGUES HERE. I'M TALKING ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE ON THE OUTSIDE WHO CALL THE SHOTS. SO I AM GOING TO WITHDRAW MY MOTION. I WILL COUNT ON SENATOR KINTNER TO OFFER HIS MOTION AS HE SAID. WHEN IT COMES TO CLOTURE, THAT IS A MOTION WHICH IS NOT MANDATORY. WE COULD CONTINUE DEBATING HOWEVER LONG IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE CLEAR WHAT THIS AMENDMENT IS ABOUT. IT IS NOT WHERE YOU GO EIGHT HOURS AND THEN THE CHAIR SAYS, EIGHT HOURS ARE UP, THAT ENDS IT. WHETHER CLOTURE IS INVOKED OR NOT IS WITHIN THE CONTROL OF THE PERSON WHOSE BILL IS BEING DISCUSSED. SO IF

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SENATOR CAMPBELL SEES THAT DISCUSSION IS NECESSARY BEYOND THE POINT WHERE SHE WOULD BE UNDER THE RULES AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO INVOKE CLOTURE, SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO DO THAT. AND AS SOMEBODY WHO GENERALLY STAYS OUT OF OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS, I WOULD ADVISE ANYBODY WHO HAS A BILL WHICH IS BEING WORKED ON, AND YOU HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE INTEGRITY OF THE PEOPLE WITH WHOM YOU ARE WORKING, DON'T INVOKE CLOTURE JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN. BECAUSE IF YOU INVOKE CLOTURE, WHILE THERE IS DISCUSSION THAT OUGHT TO GO FORTH, THAT FREES ME OF ANY AGREEMENT THAT I ENTERED INTO. I'M NOT GOING TO BE BOUND TO GO ALONG WITH SOMETHING I WOULD NOT GO ALONG WITH BECAUSE I MADE A DEAL OVER HERE. SO, I DON'T LIKE THE BILL. I'M OPPOSED TO IT. WHEN SENATOR BLOOMFIELD OFFERS HIS AMENDMENT... [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...ON SELECT FILE, I'M GOING TO SUPPORT HIS AMENDMENT. BUT I WON'T GO TO THE MAT BY OFFERING MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS, BUT I WILL DISCUSS ANY MOTION OR AMENDMENT THAT IS OFFERED. THIS IS A LEARNING TIME. IF YOU PUT SOMETHING OUT THERE, PEOPLE CAN TAKE IT. THE OLD FOLKS USED TO THE SAY--YOU CAN LEAD A HORSE TO WATER BUT YOU CAN'T MAKE HIM DRINK. YOU CAN SEND A FOOL TO SCHOOL, BUT YOU CAN'T MAKE HIM THINK. MR. PRESIDENT, I WANT TO WITHDRAW THAT PENDING MOTION. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE RECONSIDERATION MOTION IS WITHDRAWN. MR. CLERK. [LB88]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, WE RETURN TO SENATOR KINTNER'S AM131. SENATOR, DO I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WISH TO WITHDRAW AM131 AND OFFER AS A SUBSTITUTE AM185? [LB88]

SENATOR KINTNER: THAT IS CORRECT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. [LB88]

CLERK: SENATOR KINTNER WOULD MOVE TO AMEND WITH AM185. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 377.) [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR KINTNER, YOU ARE WELCOME TO OPEN ON YOUR AMENDMENT. [LB88]

SENATOR KINTNER: WELL, I THINK THIS IS PROBABLY...MR. PRESIDENT, THANK

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YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK THIS HAS PROBABLY BEEN A TUTORIAL ON HOW OUR SYSTEM WORKS HERE. WE HAVE SEEN MOTIONS OFFERED. WE HAVE SEEN PRIORITY MOTIONS WHICH TRUMP THE MOTIONS OFFERED. WE HAVE SEEN RECONSIDERATION OF THE VOTES, CALL OF THE HOUSE. I MEAN WE HAVE SEEN IT ALL. IF YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW OUR LEGISLATURE WORKS, THIS HAS BEEN A GREAT LEARNING EXPERIENCE. WHAT THIS BILL DOES IS THIS SETS IT AT A FLAT FEE OF \$25 AND THERE IS NO WIGGLE ROOM AND THAT'S WHAT IT WILL BE FOR ALL 93 COUNTIES. I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS. SENATOR CAMPBELL IS FINE WITH IT. AND LET'S MOVE FORWARD AND LET'S KEEP GOING. WE GOT A LOT OF THINGS TO DO TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, THIS, THAT SENATOR KINTNER DESCRIBED, IS THE DEAL OF WHICH I SPOKE. I WILL NOT EVEN SPEAK THREE TIMES ON THIS MOTION BECAUSE I DON'T NEED TO. THE FACT THAT THIS AMENDMENT WAS OFFERED ACHIEVES WHAT I WAS INTERESTED IN DOING. NOW IF THERE ARE THOSE OF YOU WHO STOOD SO STRONGLY FOR \$50 AND YOU ACTED LIKE IT WAS A PRINCIPLE, YOU OUGHT TO VOTE AGAINST THIS. BUT, SEE, I KNOW YOU DON'T ACT ON THE BASIS OF PRINCIPLE. YOU ACT BECAUSE SOMEBODY CRACKED THE WHIP OVER YOU AND SAID--DO THIS. WELL, I WANT YOU TO KNOW TODAY THAT I AM THE WHIP CRACKER. AND YOU KNOW WHY I DO IT, NOT JUST BECAUSE I CAN WEAR YOU OUT. ANY 77-YEAR-OLD MAN CAN WEAR OUT A CROP OF PEOPLE LIKE THIS, BECAUSE A 77-YEAR-OLD PERSON KNOWS HE DOESN'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME LEFT AND HE MUST DO THE BEST THAT HE CAN. SO IF IT MEANS STAYING ON AN ISSUE ALL DAY, THAT'S WHAT WILL HAPPEN. I'LL TELL YOU WHAT YOU DIDN'T SEE. YOU DID NOT SEE EXTENDED DEBATE PARTICIPATED IN BY ANY SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF SENATORS. THIS IN EFFECT WAS A ONE-PERSON OPERATION. AND NOT ONE OF YOU ON ANY ISSUE WILL STAND ON THIS FLOOR AND GO EIGHT HOURS AS I WILL DO, AS I HAVE DONE. BUT I'M NOT GOING TO DO IT ON EVERY BILL THAT I DISAGREE WITH. BEING AS OLD AS I AM, CLOSER TO 100 THAN I AM TO 60 I DON'T HAVE ENERGY TO WASTE. THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH ENERGY GIVEN US WHEN WE COME INTO THIS WORLD. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THREE SCORE AND 17 YEARS AGO, MY FATHER AND MOTHER BROUGHT FORTH ON THIS CONTINENT IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA, A NEW HUMAN BEING, CONCEIVED IN LOVE AND DEDICATED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT HE WILL MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE. SO I HAVE A CHARGE TO KEEP. AND I SHALL, TO THE BEST OF WHATEVER ABILITY THAT I HAVE. WE DIDN'T HAVE TO GO THIS LONG. AND THE REASON WE DID WAS BECAUSE THE BILL DID NOT BELONG TO THE

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LEGISLATURE. IT BELONGED TO THE COUNTY OFFICIALS. AND IF YOU LET YOURSELF GET CAUGHT UP IN SOMETHING WHERE YOU'RE DOING THE BIDDING OF ANOTHER MASTER, YOU SEE WHAT HAPPENS. THAT "BIBBLE" THAT YOU ALL SAY YOU BELIEVE IN TELLS YOU: A MAN, I ALWAYS ADD, OR A WOMAN, CANNOT SERVE TWO MASTERS. NOBODY CAN RIDE TWO HORSES AT THE SAME TIME GOING OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS. YOU KNOW WHY I ADD THE OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS? IF YOU'VE EVER BEEN TO THE CIRCUS, YOU SEE A PERSON WITH ONE FOOT ON ONE HORSE AND ONE FOOT ON THE OTHER HORSE AND RIDING TWO HORSES AT THE SAME TIME. SO TO MAKE MY POINT, BECAUSE THERE MAY BE THINKERS WHO WOULD BE CHALLENGING IT, GOING IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS. IF WE WOULD TAKE OUR WORK HERE SERIOUSLY, WE COULD DO IT MUCH MORE EXPEDITIOUSLY; WE WOULD HAVE A BETTER QUALITY OF WORK. I WOULD HAVE MORE ENERGY I COULD GIVE TO OTHER THINGS. WE WOULD NOT OFFER UNCONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION OR THAT WHICH IS CONSTITUTIONALLY SUSPECT BECAUSE SOME BIG SHOT OR HIGH-PAID LOBBYIST TELLS US THE SUPREME COURT DOESN'T KNOW WHAT IT'S TALKING ABOUT, PASS THIS, SO YOU PASS IT. THEN YOU CREATE WORK FOR OTHERS AND LOWER THE REPUTATION... [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...OF THE LEGISLATURE. SO I WILL CONTINUE TO FUNCTION AS I HAVE ALL OF THESE YEARS, BUT MY MIND IS ALWAYS OPEN. MY HEAD IS NEVER EMPTY, BUT MY MIND IS ALWAYS OPEN. AND I SAY ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS, NOT YOU DON'T, THAT'S THE SONG, BUT YOU CAN'T ALWAYS GET WHAT YOU WANT. BUT YOU'LL GET A LOT MORE OF IT IF YOU BEHAVE IN THE WAY I DO THAN IF I HAD A SPINE MADE OUT OF SOMETHING OF LESSER SUBSTANCE THAN A BANANA OR JELL-O. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

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

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. SENATOR KINTNER AND SENATOR CHAMBERS HAVE LAID OUT WHAT THE AGREEMENT IS. THE AMENDMENT THAT I WILL BRING ON SELECT CHANGES THAT FEE, WHICH IS NOW \$5 AND THEY WANTED TO TAKE IT TO \$16, TO \$8.50. THAT IS THE SAME PERCENTAGE INCREASE THAT WE ARE SEEING ON THE MARRIAGE LICENSE ITSELF. SENATOR CHAMBERS JUST INDICATED HE WOULD SUPPORT THAT AMENDMENT. SENATOR KINTNER TOLD ME OFF MIKE THAT HE WOULD SUPPORT THAT AMENDMENT. SO WE WILL BE SEEING THAT ON SELECT FILE. AND I AM NO LONGER GOING TO OPPOSE LB88. I WILL SUPPORT THE KINTNER AMENDMENT. THANK YOU. [LB88]

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PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR BLOOMFIELD. SENATOR KINTNER, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO CLOSE ON YOUR AMENDMENT. SENATOR KINTNER WAIVES CLOSING. THE QUESTION IS, SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE ADOPTED? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. HAVE YOU ALL VOTED? RECORD PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB88]

CLERK: 32 AYES, 5 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, ON THE ADOPTION OF THE SENATOR KINTNER'S AMENDMENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. AM185 IS ADOPTED. MR. CLERK. [LB88]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, SENATOR KRIST HAD AM155. I HAVE A NOTE HE WISHES TO WITHDRAW. MR. PRESIDENT, SENATOR KINTNER, I NOW HAVE WHAT WAS FILED EARLIER, AM158. SENATOR KINTNER WISHES TO WITHDRAW, MR. PRESIDENT. I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER PENDING TO THE BILL AT THIS TIME. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. SENATOR CAMPBELL, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO CLOSE ON THE ADVANCE OF LB...EXCUSE ME, EXCUSE ME, SENATOR CHAMBERS HAS HIS LIGHT ON. SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. MR. PRESIDENT, I'VE KEPT MY SIDE OF THE DEAL. I VOTED FOR THE AMENDMENT. I'M NOT GOING TO VOTE FOR THE BILL. I STILL DON'T LIKE THE BILL. I DON'T THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE. BUT I MADE A BAD BILL LESS BAD. SO WHEN YOU SEE THE RED, I HAD DELIVERED, AS THE DEVIL DOES, ON THE DEAL THAT I MADE. AND WHEN SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, IF HE DOESN'T GET COLD FEET, OFFERS HIS AMENDMENT ON SELECT FILE, I SHALL SUPPORT THAT, BUT THERE'S NO WAY UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES I WILL SUPPORT THIS BILL ITSELF. THANK YOU. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SEEING NO OTHER SENATORS WISHING TO SPEAK, SENATOR CAMPBELL, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO CLOSE ON LB88. [LB88]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. THERE WERE MOMENTS WHEN I WASN'T SURE WE WERE GOING TO GET TO THIS POINT. I WANT TO MAKE TWO COMMENTS AND THEN WE WILL PROCEED TO VOTE ON GENERAL FILE. AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOUR YES VOTE ON LB88. MY TWO COMMENTS ARE THIS: IN DISCUSSION WITH THE COUNTIES, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE LEGISLATURE IS GOING TO HAVE TO BEGIN TO GRAPPLE

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WITH IS THE FACT THAT WE HAVE SMALL COUNTIES, WE HAVE MEDIUM-SIZE, AND WE HAVE LARGE COUNTIES. AND THE NEEDS OF THOSE COUNTIES DIFFER IN TERMS OF WHAT THEY ARE REQUIRED TO DO. IN THE MARRIAGE LICENSE, AS ALONG WITH A LOT OF OTHER FEES, THE LARGE COUNTIES HAVE A VOLUME OF BUSINESS AND THOSE FEES DON'T COVER THEIR COSTS. AND THAT COST THEN FALLS BACK TO THE PROPERTY TAXPAYER IN THOSE COUNTIES. BUT IT'S A PROBLEM THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GRAPPLE WITH. THE SECOND ONE IS I ADVISED THE COUNTIES AND TOLD THEM THAT THEY HAVE MY COMMITMENT TO SIT DOWN AND TO TAKE A LOOK AT ALL THE FEES THAT THE COUNTY IS REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO COLLECT. BECAUSE IF WE START LOOKING AT THESE PIECE-BY-PIECE, WE'RE JUST GOING TO BARTER ON \$5 OR \$10 INCREASE, OF \$20 OR WHATEVER, AND THERE'S A MUCH BIGGER PICTURE HERE THAT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT. AND SO THEY HAVE MY COMMITMENT TO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT, AND I'VE ASKED SENATOR CRAWFORD, BECAUSE OF HER WORK ON MANDATES TO CITIES AND COUNTIES, TO JOIN THAT EFFORT. SO KNOWING THAT WE WILL BEGIN LOOKING AT A LARGER PICTURE, I WOULD ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON LB88. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CAMPBELL. SENATORS, YOU'VE HEARD THE DEBATE AND THE CLOSING ON LB88. THE QUESTION IS, SHALL LB88 ADVANCE TO E&R INITIAL? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. RECORD PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB88]

CLERK: (RECORD VOTE READ, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGES 377-378.) 32 AYES, 7 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF LB88. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. LB88 ADVANCES. RETURNING NOW TO GENERAL FILE. MR. CLERK. [LB88]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, LB190 DISCUSSED YESTERDAY, IT'S A BILL BY SENATOR BLOOMFIELD. (READ TITLE.) THE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS WERE PRESENTED BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. THOSE AMENDMENTS WERE ADOPTED. WHEN THE LEGISLATURE ADJOURNED FOR THE DAY, SENATOR CHAMBERS HAD PENDING A MOTION TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE LB190. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: DEBATE IS OPEN ON THE MOTION TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE LB190. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, THIS IS ONE OF THOSE BILLS THAT I OPPOSE, BUT I WILL NOT GO TO THE MAT ON IT. WHEN SENATOR BLOOMFIELD CAME BEFORE THE

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JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WITH THIS BILL, I HAD TOLD HIM...I THINK HE HAD 25 PEOPLE, INCLUDING HIMSELF, SO I TOLD HIM HE WAS GOING TO NEED EIGHT MORE VOTES IF HE WANTED TO SHUT ME UP. I THINK...MAY I ASK SENATOR BLOOMFIELD A QUESTION IF HE WILL YIELD? [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, WOULD YOU YIELD TO SENATOR CHAMBERS? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: YES, I WILL. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, TELL ME IF THIS IS ACCURATELY AND PRECISELY WHAT I SAID: YOU'RE GOING TO NEED EIGHT MORE VOTES TO SHUT ME UP. [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: IN MY EARS, I HEARD IF YOU GET EIGHT MORE VOTES, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SHUT ME UP ON THE FLOOR. BUT THE CONTENT WAS THE SAME. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: NOW, DID I SAY THAT I WOULD GO EIGHT HOURS ON THE BILL? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: YOU DID NOT. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: SO, BASED ON THE WORDS THAT I SAID, BEFORE I CAN GO FORWARD, I HAVE TO ASK YOU A QUESTION. DID YOU OBTAIN AT LEAST EIGHT ADDITIONAL SUPPORTERS ON WHOM YOU CAN COUNT? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: I GAINED EIGHT AND A FEW TO SPARE. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: IF YOU WERE A CATHOLIC, DO YOU...OR WHETHER YOU ARE OR NOT, DO YOU KNOW WHAT A ROSARY IS? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: I AM NOT CATHOLIC. I AM VAGUELY FAMILIAR OF THE ROSARY. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'VE GOT TO FIND SOMEBODY WHO IS SO WE CAN GET THIS...I'M GOING TO ASK SENATOR STINNER A QUESTION IF HE WILL YIELD, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR STINNER, WOULD YOU YIELD TO A QUESTION FROM SENATOR CHAMBERS? [LB190]

SENATOR STINNER: YES, I WILL, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB190]

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: SENATOR STINNER, WOULD YOU DESCRIBE WHAT A ROSARY IS AND WHAT PEOPLE DO WITH THAT IF YOU KNOW? [LB190]

SENATOR STINNER: THE ROSARY ACTUALLY IS BEADS. IT'S DIVIDED INTO TEN HAIL MARYS, OUR FATHERS, GLORY BE'S, THOSE TYPES OF THINGS, AND IT IS PRAYED. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: IS THERE SUCH A THING OR PHRASEOLOGY AS COUNTING ON YOUR ROSARY? [LB190]

SENATOR STINNER: YES, THERE IS. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: AND IS THAT IN ANY WAY DISPARAGING? [LB190]

SENATOR STINNER: NO. NO, IT IS NOT. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. SENATOR KINTNER, I MEAN, EXCUSE ME, SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, YOU CAN COUNT ON ME MORE THAN YOU COULD COUNT ON YOUR ROSARY. WHEN I... [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: THAT'S... [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: GO AHEAD. [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: THAT'S A LITTLE FRIGHTENING SINCE I DON'T HAVE ONE. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: FOR THIS PURPOSE, ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: I UNDERSTAND, SENATOR. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: SENATOR KINTNER...BLOOMFIELD KNOWS THAT I DO NOT SUPPORT THESE TYPES OF BILLS. THE REASON I KEEP SAYING SENATOR KINTNER, HE COMES BEFORE THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS WITH GUN BILLS. AND TO BE FRANK WITH YOU, HIS NAME IS THE ONE THAT I HAVE COME TO ASSOCIATE WITH THESE GUN BILLS. BUT IF YOU LISTEN TO WHAT I SAY, THEN YOU CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT I MEAN. AND IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I MEAN, ASK ME. I TOLD HIM HE WOULD NEED EIGHT ADDITIONAL VOTES OR SUPPORTERS TO SHUT ME UP. I JUST DIDN'T SAY EXACTLY WHEN THAT WOULD OCCUR. BUT IN CASE ANY OF YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO HAVE A FREE MORNING, YOU CAN DISABUSE

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YOURSELF OF THAT OPINION BECAUSE I'M NOT GOING TO DO ON THIS BILL WHAT I DID ON LB88. THIS IS JUST A FOOLISH BILL THAT PEOPLE FOOLISHLY WILL SUPPORT. [LB190 LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: AND IN A LEGISLATIVE BODY, THAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN MORE OFTEN THAN IT DOESN'T. BUT THAT IS THE NATURE OF AN OUTFIT LIKE THIS WHERE THE ONLY QUALIFICATION YOU HAVE TO GET HERE IS TO BE A CERTAIN AGE, LIVED A CERTAIN PLACE FOR LONG ENOUGH, AND BE OUTSIDE THE PENITENTIARY. I'LL CONTINUE WHEN I'M RECOGNIZED. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. AND YOU ARE NEXT IN THE QUEUE, SENATOR. YOU'RE RECOGNIZED FOR 5:00 ADDITIONAL. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. AND AT SOME POINT I MAY HAVE TO OFFER ANOTHER MOTION OR TWO BECAUSE I AM GOING TO DISCUSS THIS BILL. OH, AND I HAVE TO FINISH A STORY, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO FINISH IT RIGHT NOW. I WANT TO TOUCH ON THINGS THAT I WAS DISCUSSING WITH SENATOR BLOOMFIELD YESTERDAY, BUT I WILL NOT DO IT BY THE QUESTION AND ANSWER METHOD. HE DID AGREE THAT EVERYBODY SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO PROTECT AND DEFEND HIS OR HER LIFE. IN THIS SOCIETY, A FIREARM SEEMS TO BE THE METHOD OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF CHOICE. IF A PERSON IS IN A SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE HIS OR HER LIFE MAY VERY WELL BE THREATENED, AND IF YOU'RE ON ANY STREET IN AMERICA THAT COULD HAPPEN. IF YOU'RE AT ANY MALL IN AMERICA, THAT COULD HAPPEN. IF YOU'RE IN A HIGH-CLASS STORE LIKE VON MAUR, IT CAN HAPPEN. IF YOU'RE IN THE CAPITOL BUILDING, IT CAN HAPPEN. ANY PLACE YOU HAVE PEOPLE JOINED TO A FIREARM, IT CAN HAPPEN. GUNS TALK TO PEOPLE. GUNS MAKE COWARDS BOLD AND AGGRESSIVE. GUNS MAKE THOSE AMONG US WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL KILLERS. WITHOUT THE GUN, THESE MASS SHOOTINGS WOULD NOT OCCUR. YOU COULD TAKE MOHAMMED ALI, AS FAST AS HE WAS, GIVE HIM THE POWER AND STRENGTH OF JOE LEWIS AND SONNY LISTON IN EACH OF HIS FINGERS, AND HE COULD NOT CARRY OUT A MASS KILLING. GIVE SOMEBODY A CLUB AND HE OR SHE COULD NOT DO IT. BUT GIVE ONE OF THESE HIGH-EFFICIENT GUNS WITH THE MAGAZINE CARRYING A MULTITUDE OF ROUNDS AND ONE PERSON CAN KILL DOZENS, CAN INJURE DOZENS. AND THE NRA AND ITS LEMMINGS LIKE TO SAY GUNS DON'T KILL PEOPLE, PEOPLE KILL PEOPLE. WELL, FOR SOMETHING THAT DOES NOT KILL PEOPLE, THESE HIGH-EFFICIENCY WEAPONS DO A PRETTY GOOD JOB OF TAKING LIVES. AND WITHOUT THOSE WEAPONS, THE ONES USING THEM COULD NOT WREAK THE CARNAGE ON THESE STREETS, IN THESE

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COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, AT THE WORK PLACE, IN THE HOME THAT THEY DO. FAMILY MEMBERS KILL EACH OTHER. YOUNG LANZA, WHO KILLED ALL OF THOSE CHILDREN AND THE TEACHERS IN THE NEW ENGLAND TOWN, HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED BY HIS MOTHER TO HAVE GUNS. AND SHE WAS THE FIRST ONE THAT HE KILLED. WHEN THEY WERE DISCUSSING RECENTLY A MEMORIAL FOR THOSE WHO WERE VICTIMS, THERE WERE 26 THAT HE KILLED. HE KILLED HIS MOTHER AND HE KILLED HIMSELF. THE QUESTION WAS WHETHER OR NOT HIS MOTHER SHOULD BE DEEMED A VICTIM. BUT THEN CHRISTIANITY INTERVENED AND THEY SAID, WELL, SHE WAS PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HE DID, SO SHE WAS NOT A VICTIM, SHE GOT WHAT SHE DESERVED. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID, MORE OR LESS. I DON'T AGREE WITH THAT WAY OF THINKING. BUT I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT MEMORIAL. SO ON THE ONE HAND, PEOPLE TRY TO MAKE THEMSELVES APPEAR VERY NOBLE, VERY COMPASSIONATE, VERY CARING. THEN ON THE OTHER, THEY SHOW THE DEPTH TO WHICH THE HUMAN SPIRIT CAN SINK WHEN IT COMES TO SEEKING REVENGE, VENGEANCE, GETTING EVEN, EVEN WHEN THE PERSON INVOLVED IS DEAD AND NO LONGER ABLE TO DO ANYTHING OR HURT ANYBODY. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR SCHUMACHER. [LB190]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE BODY. THE ROAD BACK TO COLUMBUS IS TOO LONG, GIVING ME TOO MUCH TIME TO THINK. AND WHEN YOU'VE GOT TO GO SLOW BECAUSE THE ROADS ARE SNOWY, IT'S EVEN MORE TIME TO THINK. THUS, A THOUGHT: THIS AMENDMENT IS ABOUT THE VERY...OR THIS BILL IS ABOUT THE VERY IMPORTANT RIGHT OF THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS. AND IT IS ABOUT, ACCORDING TO ITS LANGUAGE, ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SOMEONE IS IN THE MILITARY AND THEIR SPOUSE ACCOMPANIES THEM TO NEBRASKA. CAN THEY EXERCISE THEIR VERY IMPORTANT RIGHT TO BEAR A CONCEALED WEAPON? NOW, I SEEM TO REMEMBER, AND I CHECKED IT OUT ON THE GADGET, THAT THE MILITARY RESPECTS THE RIGHT OF PEOPLE OF THE SAME SEX TO MARRY. AND THIS BILL SAYS THE SPOUSE OF SUCH APPLICANT SHALL ALSO BE CONSIDERED A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, WHICH BRINGS INTO A PLACE SOME INTERESTING DYNAMICS. SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, WOULD YOU YIELD TO A QUESTION? [LB190]

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PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, WOULD YOU YIELD? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: YES, I WILL. [LB190]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, AS YOU INTERPRET THIS, DOES THIS LANGUAGE COVER THE SPOUSE OF A...IN A GAY COUPLE SITUATION WHO HAS FOLLOWED THEIR SPOUSE TO NEBRASKA AND WHO SEEKS TO EXERCISE HIS OR HER RIGHT TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: THAT IS A QUESTION, SENATOR SCHUMACHER, THAT I HAD REALLY NOT ENTERTAINED. BUT I THINK UNDER CURRENT NEBRASKA LAW, THE STATE OF NEBRASKA DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THAT MARRIAGE. SO, THEREFORE, I DON'T BELIEVE THEY WOULD QUALIFY UNDER NEBRASKA LAW, WHICH YOU STILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE BACKGROUND CHECK ON IN ORDER TO GET SUCH A PERMIT. [LB190]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: SO IS THERE A RATIONAL REASON FOR US EXCLUDING...SHOULD WE HAVE ANOTHER PARAGRAPH IN HERE AND SAYING, YES, A SPOUSE WHO IS NOT A SPOUSE IN A GAY SITUATION ALSO CAN CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: NO, I DON'T BELIEVE WE NEED TO ADD THAT. I THINK, AGAIN, THE BACKGROUND CHECK WILL DETERMINE THAT. UNDER THIS BILL, ANYONE APPLYING STILL HAS TO GO THROUGH ALL OF THE HOOPS AND LOOPS YOU GO THROUGH IF YOU LIVE IN NEBRASKA IF YOU ARE A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF NEBRASKA. YOU ARE SIMPLY TREATED AS A RESIDENT. [LB190]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: AND IS THERE ANY REASON WE WOULDN'T WANT TO LET THE GAY SPOUSE EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON IN NEBRASKA WHEN THEY HAVE MOVE HERE BECAUSE, UNDER MILITARY LAW, THEY ARE MARRIED? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: ONLY THE FACT THAT UNDER NEBRASKA LAW, NEBRASKA DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THAT MARRIAGE. [LB190]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: BUT WAS THAT AMENDMENT THAT SAID WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE A MARRIAGE DESIGNED TO EXCLUDE SOME PEOPLE FROM CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: I CAN'T SPEAK TO THAT, SENATOR. I SIMPLY THINK IN THIS CASE IT DOES NOT APPLY, PROBABLY, BECAUSE OF THE WAY NEBRASKA

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STATUTE WAS WRITTEN. AND YOU'RE WELL AWARE THAT I AM NOT AN ATTORNEY. [LB190]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: THANK YOU, SENATOR BLOOMFIELD. PROOF THAT THE TRIP TO COLUMBUS IS TOO LONG. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR SCHUMACHER. SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO CLOSE ON YOUR MOTION TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. MR. PRESIDENT, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK SENATOR SCHUMACHER...I STARTED TO SAY "PROFESSOR", BUT A QUESTION IF HE WOULD BE WILLING TO ANSWER. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR SCHUMACHER, WOULD YOU YIELD? [LB190]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: I WOULD. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: SENATOR SCHUMACHER, I HAVE NOTES THAT I JOTTED DOWN YESTERDAY OF ISSUES I WOULD RAISE. THERE'S A CIRCLED COMMENT. AND WHAT DOES IT SAY, THAT ABBREVIATION IS FOR MILITARY? [LB190]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: IT SAYS DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, STOP TALKING TO ME ABOUT VETERANS, STOP TALKING TO ME ABOUT PEOPLE IN THE MILITARY. YOU'RE THE BIGGEST HYPOCRITES OF ALL. I SEE YOU GET ALL MISTY-EYED. THESE ARE MILITARY PEOPLE. THEY ARE MARRIED. BUT SEE, I LOOK AT IT MORE DEEPLY THAN YOU. AND I TAKE THESE THINGS SERIOUSLY. AND WHEN, AS IN THE BUSINESS AND LABOR COMMITTEE, I OPPOSE BILLS THAT SAY YOU'RE GOING TO PAY BUSINESSES TO GIVE VETERANS A JOB, I'M VERY CONDEMNING OF THAT APPROACH. THIS DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING, ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT A MARRIAGE BEING ONE THING OR THE OTHER. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK SENATOR BLOOMFIELD A QUESTION. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, WOULD YOU YIELD? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: YES, SIR. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THIS WAS ONE OF THE ISSUES I WAS GOING TO RAISE AND I WANTED YOU TO SEE IT FROM WHAT SENATOR SCHUMACHER...AND WE HADN'T COLLABORATED ON THIS IN MY LIST OF ITEMS. SENATOR, SHOW ME

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ANYWHERE IN THIS BILL WHERE THE WORD "MARRIED" IS USED? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: I DON'T KNOW THAT I CAN, SENATOR. IT SAYS SPOUSE, I BELIEVE. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: YOU CAN'T BECAUSE IT'S NOT THERE. [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: RIGHT. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: WHAT IS THE WORD THAT'S USED? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: SPOUSE. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: AND WHAT DOES "SPOUSE" MEAN ACCORDING TO YOUR UNDERSTANDING? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: ACCORDING TO MY UNDERSTANDING, IT MEANS MARRIED. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: DOES IT SAY PURSUANT TO NEBRASKA LAW? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: IT... [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: IT DOESN'T SAY THAT IN THIS BILL, DOES IT? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: NO, IT SAYS THE SPOUSE WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A CITIZEN. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: IS THERE ANYTHING IN ANY OF THESE FORMS YOU FILL OUT TO POSSESS, OWN, OR CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON THAT ASKS WHETHER YOU'RE MARRIED? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: I DON'T KNOW. I'VE NEVER FILLED ONE OUT. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: BUT YOU'RE NOT REQUIRED TO BE MARRIED TO DO SO, ARE YOU? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: NO. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I DON'T WANT TO GET YOU INTO WATER BEYOND YOUR DEPTH IN TERMS OF WHAT YOU WOULD RATHER NOT DISCUSS. [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: I APPRECIATE THAT. [LB190]

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: RIGHT, THAT'S ALL I'LL ASK YOU. BUT SEE, WHEN YOU BRING THESE BILLS, YOU OPEN A LOT OF DOORS. AND I DID SAY THAT I INTEND TO TALK ABOUT THIS. IT WON'T TAKE ME EIGHT HOURS TO SAY WHAT I'VE GOT TO SAY. BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE ME SOME TIME AND I WILL OFFER MOTIONS IN ORDER THAT I CAN DO IT BECAUSE THIS MAY TURN OUT TO BE A ONE-MAN OPERATION AGAIN. BUT I ACKNOWLEDGE ALSO I CANNOT STOP THIS BILL. I CANNOT KILL THIS BILL. WE CANNOT DEDICATE, WE CANNOT CONSECRATE, WE CANNOT HALLOW THIS GROUND. THE BRAVE MEN LIVING AND DEAD WHO STRUGGLED HERE HAVE CONSECRATED IT FAR ABOVE OUR POOR POWER TO ADD OR DETRACT. THE WORLD WILL LITTLE NOTE NOR LONG REMEMBER WHAT WE SAY HERE. BUT IT WILL NEVER FORGET WHAT WE DO HERE. THAT LET'S YOU KNOW HOW OLD I AM. I HEARD THOSE WORDS WHEN THEY WERE BEING SPOKEN. DID YOU HEAR THE WAY I PHRASED THAT? [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I HEARD THOSE WORDS BEING SPOKEN. BUT I DIDN'T SAY THAT I HEARD THEM BEING SPOKEN BY ABRAHAM LINCOLN. PEOPLE CONCLUDED THAT THAT'S WHAT I WAS HINTING AT, BUT IT WASN'T. I MEANT JUST WHAT I SAID. WHAT I'M GOING TO DO IS NOT EVEN TAKE A VOTE ON THIS MOTION. WHEN MY TIME IS UP, I WILL WITHDRAW THE MOTION, BUT I WILL OFFER ANOTHER ONE SO I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE MY DISSERTATION, MY DISCOURSE, BECAUSE I'M AS SERIOUS AS A HEART ATTACK ABOUT WHAT I'M DISCUSSING NOW. SO, MR. PRESIDENT, YOU SAID ONE MINUTE? [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: 0:18, SENATOR. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THEN I WILL STOP AT THIS POINT. THANK YOU. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR CHAMBERS HAS MOVED TO WITHDRAW HIS MOTION. WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT IS SO ORDERED. MR. CLERK. [LB190]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, A PRIORITY MOTION: SENATOR CHAMBERS WOULD MOVE TO BRACKET LB190 UNTIL APRIL 15, 2015. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE WELCOME TO OPEN ON YOUR MOTION. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. MR. PRESIDENT, I COULD HAVE MOVED TO

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RECONSIDER, BUT I WILL...MAYBE I CAN DO IT JUST ON STRAIGHT MOTIONS WHICH I WILL THEN PULL, UNLESS SOMEBODY GETS ON THE WRONG SIDE OF ME. I HOPE THERE'S NOT ANOTHER WORD SPOKEN BY ANYBODY ON THIS FLOOR ABOUT DOING ANYTHING FOR VETERANS, OR SAYING TO SOMEBODY WHO THEY FIND OUT WAS IN THE MILITARY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. IF YOU SAY THAT PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY WERE IN COMBAT, WHICH I WAS NOT, FORTUNATELY FOR ME, IF YOU SAY THAT THESE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN GO THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM THIS PLACE TO RUN THE RISK OF DYING ARE DOING IT FOR THE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY, THAT'S NOT TRUE. THEY'RE NOT FIGHTING FOR ANY FREEDOMS OR RIGHTS IN AMERICA. THEY'RE FIGHTING FOR REGIME CHANGE. EVEN WHEN IT COMES TO CHARACTERIZING WHAT IS BEING DONE BY THE MILITARY, LIES, FALSEHOODS ARE PUT OUT THERE, BECAUSE IF THEY TOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT IT IS, THEN A LOT OF PEOPLE WOULD BE TURNED OFF, AS THEY SHOULD BE. I AGREE WITH YOUNG CHRISTOPHER MARLOWE--CURST BE HE THAT INVENTED WAR. AND HE SPELLED IT C-U-R-S-T. WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE WHO WERE BIRTHED OF A MAN AND A WOMAN. AND THAT BY ANYBODY'S DEFINITION CONSTITUTES A HUMAN BEING. WE HAVE TWO WOMEN WHO, WHATEVER MOTIVATED THEM, JOINED THE MILITARY, WERE PUT IN A POSITION WHERE THEIR LIFE WOULD BE AT RISK SUPPOSEDLY FOR ALL OF THESE HIGH-SOUNDING AMERICAN CLICHES: LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. BUT THEY CANNOT PURSUE THEIR HAPPINESS. THEY DON'T HAVE THE LIBERTY TO DO THAT. SO THEY ARE ACQUAINTED WITH EACH OTHER. THEY HAVE A GREAT DEAL IN COMMON. THEY CARE MORE ABOUT EACH OTHER THAN THEY CARE ABOUT ANYBODY ELSE. THEN THESE MEDDLESOME SO-CALLED HETEROSEXUALS WHO MIGHT BE OUT THERE ABUSING CHILDREN ARE GOING TO SAY, WELL, I DON'T LIKE THAT SO THEY SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO IT BECAUSE I DON'T LIKE IT. MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS. IT'S NO CONCERN OF YOURS. SO YOU WANT TO BE IN A POSITION TO DETERMINE THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ANOTHER PERSON BY A VOTE, A POPULARITY CONTEST. BECAUSE YOU CAN FIND MORE NARROW-MINDED, HATEFUL PEOPLE ON YOUR SIDE, YOU'RE IN A POSITION TO DICTATE WHAT OTHER PEOPLE CAN AND CANNOT DO. ANY RIGHT, SO-CALLED, THAT IS CREATED BY THE STATE--AND THAT'S WHAT MARRIAGE IS--SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO EVERY HUMAN BEING WHO COMES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES, WHETHER IT'S THE LOWER 48, THAT STATE UP BY THE ARCTIC, OR THAT ONE OUT IN THE OCEAN OR PUERTO RICO. IF THESE TWO PEOPLE DECIDE THAT THEY WANT TO GET HITCHED AND LIVE THEIR LIFE TOGETHER AND OWE AND GRANT TO EACH OTHER MORE THAN THEY'D GRANT TO ANYBODY ELSE, THAT IS NOT FROM HELL. THAT IS A RELATIONSHIP BORN IN HEAVEN. YOU HAVE YOUR VIEWS ABOUT HEAVEN AND HELL. JOHN MILTON, OR SOMEBODY, TALKED HOW UNDER THE RIGHT CIRCUMSTANCES A HEAVEN CAN BE HELL AND HELL CAN BE HEAVEN. AND YOU FIND THEM BOTH RIGHT HERE ON EARTH. AND IT'S

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NOT BECAUSE OF WHAT THE EARTH IS. I COULD SING "AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL" EXCEPT SOME OF THOSE PATRIOTIC THINGS: SPACIOUS SKIES, AMBER WAVES OF GRAIN, PURPLE MOUNTAINS MAJESTY ABOVE THE FRUITED PLAIN. AND YOU'D HAVE ALL OF THE GENTLE MUSIC THAT WOULD MAKE YOU VERY EMOTIONAL. AND THEN THERE COME THE CRASHING OF CYMBALS AND THE THUNDERING OF TYMPANY DRUMS AND DISCORDANT BRASS HORNS AND THEY'D SAY--BUT ALSO THE KU KLUX KLAN, THE KNIGHTS OF THE WHITE CAMELLIA. BLACK BODIES SWINGING IN THE SOUTHERN BREEZE, STRANGE FRUIT HANGING FROM THE POPLAR TREES, PASTORAL SCENE OF THE GALLANT SOUTH, THE BULGING EYES, THE TWISTED MOUTH, SCENT OF MAGNOLIAS, SWEET AND FRESH, THEN THE SUDDEN SMELL OF BURNING FLESH. HERE IS A FRUIT FOR THE CROWS TO PLUCK. FOR THE RAIN TO GATHER, FOR THE WIND TO SUCK. FOR THE SUN TO ROT, FOR THE TREES TO DROP, HERE IS A STRANGE AND BITTER CROP. BILLIE HOLIDAY SANG THAT SONG, THOUGH SHE DIDN'T WRITE IT, AND IT WAS ABOUT A LYNCHING. PEOPLE OF MY COMPLEXION NEVER HAD EVEN THE POLITICAL RIGHTS THAT ARE GRANTED, LET ALONE THEY TALK ABOUT THOSE UNALIENABLE RIGHTS THAT THEY CLAIM WHOEVER CREATED US GAVE TO ALL OF US. SO IF YOU PEOPLE WHO ARE NOSEY, NARROW-MINDED, AND MEDDLESOME ARE GOING TO ARROGATE TO YOURSELF THE RIGHT, BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE POWER AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME, TO DICTATE TO PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT EACH OTHER THAT WHAT THEY HAVE IS AKIN TO ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION, AS THAT GUY NAMED HUCKABEE SAID, AND THERE WAS NO OUTCRY, BASED ON THE WAY I MAKE JUDGMENTS, YOU OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES. BUT I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO BE. BUT I HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO SPEAK ON ISSUES THAT OUGHT TO BE ADDRESSED IN A PUBLIC FORUM. AND THESE THINGS NEED TO BE DISCUSSED BY PEOPLE WHO ARE FEARLESS, WHO HAVE STRONG CONVICTIONS, NOT BASED ON RELIGION, BECAUSE RELIGION IS COMPATIBLE WITH HATRED. IT'S COMPATIBLE WITH LYNCHING. AND THAT'S WHY THE SYMBOL OF THE KU KLUX KLAN IS THE BURNING CROSS, BECAUSE IT STANDS FOR CHRISTIANITY. AND THAT'S WHAT CHRISTIANITY HAS ALWAYS BEEN ABOUT--THE CRUSADES, SLAVERY. EVERY...IF I SAY DAMNABLE, I DON'T MEAN IT AS PROFANITY, BUT EVERY ONE OF THOSE TYPES OF THINGS YOU CAN FIND HAVING BEEN SUPPORTED BY SO-CALLED CHRISTIANS. WHY DO I SAY SO-CALLED? BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO CARRY THAT LABEL AND IT MEANS SOMETHING TO THEM. SO IN THIS CASE, MY WORDS APPLY ONLY TO THOSE WHOM THEY FIT. AND... [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...YOU'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THESE GUN RIGHTS, AND SOME OF THESE GUNSELS THINK THAT THEIR RIGHT, AS THEY CALL IT,

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TO CARRY A GUN TRUMPS EVERYBODY ELSE'S RIGHT INCLUDING THOSE OF PROPERTY OWNERS, OF BUSINESS OWNERS. THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CARRY THEIR GUN ANYWHERE THEY WANT TO, WHETHER THE PEOPLE WHOSE PROPERTY OR ESTABLISHMENT IT IS WANT THAT TO BE THE CASE OR NOT. I WILL CONTINUE WHEN I'M RECOGNIZED AGAIN. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. (VISITORS INTRODUCED.) SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK SENATOR BLOOMFIELD A QUESTION. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, WOULD YOU YIELD? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: YES, I WOULD. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, YOU KNEW WHEN YOU OFFERED THIS BILL THAT THE ONLY THING IT'S DEALING WITH, ASIDE FROM THAT LANGUAGE WE STRUCK ABOUT ALIENS AND SO FORTH, SPOUSE IS WHAT THIS BILL IS ABOUT. WOULD YOU AGREE? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: YES, I WOULD, THAT AND THE BACKGROUND CHECK THAT IS ALREADY PROVIDED BY NEBRASKA LAW. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: RIGHT. BUT I'M TALKING ABOUT WHAT THE NEW LANGUAGE IS. SO THAT EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS, ANYBODY, EVEN THOSE WHO MAY GAIN A BENEFIT FROM THIS BILL, WOULD STILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL OF THE OTHER REQUIREMENTS TO LEGALLY POSSESS, OWN, OR HIDE THIS GUN ON THEIR PERSON, CORRECT? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: THAT IS CORRECT. THE ONLY THING THE BILL DOES IS EXTEND THAT SAME PRIVILEGE, THAT UNDER CURRENT LAW IS GIVEN TO THE SERVICE MEMBER, TO HIS OR HER SPOUSE. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: NOW, IF TWO WOMEN WERE STANDING IN FRONT OF YOU, ONE HAS A PROSTHETIC LEG, THE OTHER HAS A MISSING EYE, A FACE THAT'S HORRIBLY DISFIGURED, AND SHE IS SO DISABLED ON ONE SIDE THAT SHE HAS TO LEAN ON THIS ONE WHO HAS A PROSTHETIC LEG, AND THEY SAY, WE ARE SPOUSES, AND WE WANT TO THANK YOU, SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, FOR YOUR BILL. MY PARTNER HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THE MILITARY, AND SO HAVE I BECAUSE THERE ARE THINGS WE CAN CARRY OUT

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THAT NOBODY ELSE CAN. WE KNOW ABOUT ENCRYPTION, HOW TO BREAK IT. SO OUR PHYSICAL CONDITION DOESN'T PREVENT US FROM PERFORMING A VERY VALUABLE SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY IN THIS ROLE BECAUSE WE NO LONGER CAN CARRY A WEAPON ON THE BATTLEFIELD. NOW, SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, THERE ARE PEOPLE IN YOUR STATE WHO SAY THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR LAW. I'M STATIONED AT OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE. MY PARTNER, MY SPOUSE, IS WITH ME WHEREVER I GO. ON THE BASE, WE LIVE TOGETHER. WHEN WE GO TO THE CANTEEN, WE HAVE THE BENEFITS THAT ANY AND EVERYBODY ELSE HAS, THANKS TO SOMEBODY IN WASHINGTON WHO SAID THIS IS THE WAY IT'S GOING TO BE FOR THE MILITARY PEOPLE. NOW, I'M ASKING YOU, IS IT YOUR INTENTION THAT MY PARTNER NOT BE ALLOWED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR BILL BECAUSE NEITHER OF US HAS BEEN HERE LONG ENOUGH TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCY BASED ON YOUR LAW WHICH SAYS YOU MUST BE HERE AT LEAST 180 DAYS? WHAT DO YOU SAY? SHOULD SHE BE ALLOWED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR BILL? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: SENATOR CHAMBERS, IT'S MY BELIEF THAT SHE WOULD STILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL THE BACKGROUND CHECKS THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH AS A 77-YEAR CITIZEN TO GET THAT PERMIT. AND IF NEBRASKA LAW SAYS SHE CANNOT OBTAIN ONE BECAUSE WE DON'T RECOGNIZE THAT...UNTIL THAT LAW IS CHANGED, I THINK PROBABLY SHE WOULD NOT QUALIFY. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: YOU CANNOT SHOW ME ANY LAW OF THIS KIND IN NEBRASKA WHICH SAYS ALL IT'S GOING TO DO IS WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PERSON BE IN THIS STATE AT LEAST 180 DAYS... [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...BEFORE BEING CONSIDERED A RESIDENT IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR A GUN. THAT'S ALL SHE'S SAYING. WILL YOU WAIVE THAT 180-DAY REQUIREMENT SO THAT I CAN APPLY? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: I'M NOT SURE THE 180 DAYS THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IS EVEN IN THERE, SENATOR. I DON'T BELIEVE IT IS. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: SENATOR, WOULD YOU TURN TO PAGE 2 OF YOUR BILL, WHICH IS NOT MY BILL, BUT I DO READ THE THINGS YOU ALL BRING US, EVEN IF THOSE WHO BRING IT DON'T READ IT. WOULD YOU START READING IN LINE 24 SO THEY WON'T THINK THAT I'M MAKING UP THINGS? ON PAGE 2... [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: I SEE WHERE YOU'RE AT, SENATOR, AND IT DOES SAY

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180 DAYS, BUT THAT IS NOT... [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: TIME. SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. THAT'S ALL I'LL ASK YOU. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, YOU KNOW WHAT MY PROBLEM IS? I READ THIS STUFF. I TOLD YOU THAT PEOPLE WHO BRING THESE GUN BILLS DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THEIR OWN BILLS SAY. THAT ESTABLISHES THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT THAT A PERSON MUST MEET IN ORDER TO QUALIFY WHEN YOU'RE FILLING OUT ONE OF THESE FORMS TO BE A LICENSED CARRIER OF A GUN. ALL THAT THIS BILL SAYS, ALTHOUGH THOSE WHO ARE SUPPORTING IT DON'T KNOW IT, BUT THEY KNOW IT NOW BECAUSE I BROUGHT IT TO THEM, THAT THE REQUIREMENT THAT YOU BE IN THIS STATE 180 DAYS IS NOT GOING TO OBTAIN. IF YOUR SPOUSE IS STATIONED HERE, THEN YOU, AS THE SPOUSE OF THAT PERSON WHO IS STATIONED IN NEBRASKA, CAN IMMEDIATELY APPLY FOR ONE OF THESE WEAPONS. THE QUESTION IS, IF TWO PEOPLE ARE OF THE SAME SEX AND THEY ARE MARRIED, SHOULD YOU WAIVE THIS REQUIREMENT FOR THEM? HOW MUCH IS IT TO DO THAT? YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY THEY CAN GO TO YOUR CHURCH. THEY CAN GO TO YOUR CHURCH WHERE YOUR PREACHER WILL TELL THEM YOU'RE BOUND FOR HELL. BUT THEY DON'T HAVE TO GO TO YOUR CHURCH; THEY'RE NOT ASKING YOU TO GO TO YOUR CHURCH. THEY'RE NOT ASKING YOU TO ACCEPT WHAT THEY THINK IS IMPORTANT TO THEM. THEY'RE JUST SAYING THAT YOU PASSED A LAW THAT GIVES PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIVE IN NEBRASKA A RIGHT THAT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ACTUALLY CITIZENS OF NEBRASKA BUT THEY HAVEN'T BEEN HERE 180 DAYS, YOU GIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS TO OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE OUTSIDE THIS STATE THAT OTHER PEOPLE DON'T HAVE. AND IT'S BASED ON THE FACT THAT THAT PERSON'S SPOUSE IS A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY. THEY'RE GOOD ENOUGH TO LOSE THEIR LIFE. THEY'RE GOOD ENOUGH TO BE MAIMED AND CRIPPLED. THEY'RE GOOD ENOUGH TO BE SO DISFIGURED THAT PEOPLE IN THIS SOCIETY WHO, BASED ON THE WAY THEY JUDGE HUMAN BEINGS, WOULD DEEM ONE OF THEM TO BE A MONSTER. THEY'RE GOOD ENOUGH FOR THAT. BUT IN YOUR HOLINESS, IN YOUR SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS, IN YOUR NARROW-MINDED, HATEFUL BIGOTRY, YOU SAY THAT THE PROVISIONS OF A LAW, A LAW THAT SAYS NOTHING ABOUT THE SEX OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MARRIED, IS NOT SUPPOSED TO APPLY TO THEM. THEY COULD BOTH BE IN THE MILITARY. BUT THIS IS A DERIVATIVE RIGHT. IF BOTH OF THEM ARE MARRIED, I SEE SENATOR BLOOMFIELD IS ON THE PHONE, SO I'M GOING TO...SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, I WOULD LIKE TO YOU ASK YOU A QUESTION. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR BLOOMFIELD. [LB190]

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SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: YES, I WOULD YIELD. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: IF THESE WOMEN ARE MARRIED TO EACH OTHER AND BOTH OF THEM ARE IN THE MILITARY, THEN THIS BILL WOULDN'T EVEN APPLY, WOULD IT? BECAUSE ON THEIR OWN RIGHT, EACH ONE COULD BE GRANTED RESIDENCY JUST BY VIRTUE OF BEING IN THE MILITARY. ISN'T THAT RIGHT? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: THAT'S CORRECT. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, THEIR SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR MARITAL STATUS DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE IF THEY HAPPEN TO BE IN THE MILITARY, BOTH OF THEM. BUT IF WHERE YOU'RE CREATING A SPECIAL DERIVATIVE RIGHT FOR SOMEBODY WHO'S MARRIED TO A PERSON IN THE MILITARY... [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...AND THIS OTHER PERSON COULD HAVE BEEN IN THE MILITARY BUT WAS INJURED TO SUCH AN EXTENT SHE CAN NO LONGER BE THERE, BUT NOW SHE'S MARRIED TO SOMEBODY WHO IS, SHE CANNOT GAIN THE BENEFIT OF IT. HOW PETTY AND PICAYUNISH IS THAT? MAYBE I OUGHT TO TRY TO KILL THIS BILL. YOU ALL WANT TO STAY HERE WITH ME FOR EIGHT HOURS? AND YOU WANT ME TO SHOW THAT I CAN DO IT ON A BILL AND THIS HAS BECOME SOMETHING NOW MORE THAN JUST WAIVING A RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR THE SPOUSE OF SOMEBODY WHO'S IN THE MILITARY. WE'RE GETTING NOW DOWN PAST THE SKIN BUT INTO THE MUSCLE, THE BONE, AND THE SINEW OF WHAT MAKES US HUMAN BEINGS AND THE INTERNAL VITAL ORGANS, AND IT TAKES SOME TIME TO DEAL WITH THAT. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR CRAWFORD, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB190]

SENATOR CRAWFORD: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY THAT THE LANGUAGE OF THE BILL DOES NOT RESTRICT THE KIND OF SPOUSE THAT MIGHT GET THE BENEFIT. SO IT IS NOT THE LANGUAGE OF THE BILL THAT WOULD RESTRICT THAT. THE LANGUAGE OF THE BILL SIMPLY SAYS THE SPOUSE OF SUCH APPLICANT. SO IT WOULD BE OTHER COURT DECISIONS OR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BILL THAT MIGHT RESTRICT THAT, BUT THERE'S NOTHING IN LB190 THAT RESTRICTS THIS BENEFIT TO A PARTICULAR TYPE OF SPOUSE. [LB190]

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PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CRAWFORD. SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. IN FURTHER CLARIFICATION, THE 180 DAYS IS WAIVED IN THIS BILL. IF YOU ARE A SPOUSE OF A SERVICE MEMBER, THAT 180-DAY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED IN THIS BILL. WHAT THAT REFERS TO IN THE BILL OR IN THE LANGUAGE THAT SENATOR CHAMBERS QUOTED IS THAT IF YOUR UNCLE FROM TEXAS MOVES UP HERE, HE'S GOT TO WAIT 180 DAYS BEFORE HE CAN APPLY. BUT IF YOU ARE THE SPOUSE OF A SERVICE MEMBER, THAT DOES NOT NECESSARILY APPLY. SO WITH THAT CLARIFICATION, I HOPE WE CAN MOVE FORWARD ON THIS BILL WITHOUT BRINGING IN A LOT OF LAWS THAT REALLY DON'T PERTAIN TO THIS. BUT THIS BILL DOES NOT...IT'S NOT ABOUT MARRIAGE AND RACE AND ANYTHING ELSE WE MAY WANT TO DRAW INTO IT. IT SIMPLY EXTENDS TO A SERVICE MEMBER'S SPOUSE THE SAME RIGHTS THAT THE SERVICE MEMBER WOULD ENJOY WHEN IT COMES TO APPLYING FOR A CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR BLOOMFIELD. SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO CLOSE ON YOUR BRACKET MOTION. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, I DON'T KNOW WHO CALLED SENATOR BLOOMFIELD BUT THEY TOLD HIM EXACTLY WHAT I SAID. I SAID THE 180-DAY REQUIREMENT IS NOT GOING TO BE APPLIED TO SOMEBODY IN THE MILITARY. THAT'S WHAT THE LAW SAYS THAT THEY...I WOULD LIKE TO ASK SENATOR BLOOMFIELD A QUESTION. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, WOULD YOU YIELD? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: YES. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, IS THAT 180-DAY REQUIREMENT TO BE SET ASIDE BASED ON THE LANGUAGE IN THIS BILL? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: YES. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: AND YOUR INTERPRETATION OF THIS BILL IS THAT IF THE SPOUSE OF THE SERVICE PERSON IS OF THE SAME SEX, THIS BILL WOULD NOT APPLY AND THE 180 DAYS WOULD NOT BE SET ASIDE? THAT'S YOUR INTERPRETATION, ISN'T IT? [LB190]

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SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: I THINK THE 180 DAYS WOULD BE SET ASIDE. BUT I...THE BILL WOULD HAVE NO BEARING...OR THE SPOUSAL GENDER WOULD HAVE NO BEARING ON THE BILL ITSELF. WHERE YOU MAY RUN INTO AN ISSUE WOULD BE WHEN YOU GOT INTO THE BACKGROUND CHECK THAT IS REQUIRED OF ANY CITIZEN. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THIS BILL, SO THEN YOU AGREE WITH WHAT WAS IMPLIED BY SENATOR SCHUMACHER, WHAT WAS STATED BY SENATOR CRAWFORD, AND WHAT I'VE BEEN ARGUING. YOU AGREE THAT IF A PERSON IS OF THE SAME SEX AND COMES TO FILL OUT THIS APPLICATION AND SAYS, MY SPOUSE IS A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY AND I WANT THIS DERIVATIVE RIGHT WHICH ALLOWS ME TO MAKE THIS APPLICATION WITHOUT HAVING BEEN A RESIDENT FOR 180 DAYS BECAUSE THE LAW SAYS IT'S AS THOUGH I HAD BEEN A RESIDENT. SO FOR PURPOSES OF THIS LAW THAT I'M TRYING TO APPLY FOR A FIREARM UNDER, BEING THE SPOUSE OF A PERSON WHO IS IN THE SERVICE AND STATIONED HERE, I HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO THIS WITHOUT HAVING STAYED HERE 180 DAYS. THAT'S WHAT THE BILL DOES, ISN'T IT? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: THE BILL DOES THAT. WHAT I THINK YOU ARE REFERRING TO AND WHERE I STILL THINK YOU MAY HAVE SOME DIFFICULTY IS WHEN THEY ACTUALLY GET INTO THE BACKGROUND CHECK AND INTO NEBRASKA LAW, WHICH THIS BILL DOES NOT AFFECT AT ALL, YOU MAY RUN INTO AN ISSUE WITH THE MARRIAGE SITUATION. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: WE KNOW...LOOK, I MIGHT...THE PERSON APPLYING COULD BE A FELON AND NOT TELL THE TRUTH AND THE BACKGROUND CHECK WOULD SHOW THAT IF THEY GIVE ONE. THAT'S ALL I'LL ASK YOU. EVERYBODY ON THIS FLOOR KNOWS WHAT IS BEING DISCUSSED HERE. WHEN YOU BRING THESE BILLS THAT OPEN THE DOOR TO OTHER ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE DISCUSSED, I'M GOING DO IT ON THE BASIS OF WHAT IS IN YOUR BILL. YOUR BILL TALKS ABOUT A SPOUSE. YOUR BILL SAYS THAT IF THIS SPOUSE IS...THIS PERSON IS THE SPOUSE OF A MILITARY PERSON STATIONED HERE, YOU WAIVE THE 180 DAYS. THAT'S WHAT THE BILL SAYS. SENATOR SCHUMACHER POINTED OUT THAT IN OTHER PLACES THESE PEOPLE ARE VALIDLY MARRIED. AND THEN I ADDED THE NOTATION THAT THE MILITARY'S ATTITUDE NOW, AND THEY THINK IT'S ENLIGHTENED, DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL. YOU DON'T SAY ANYTHING, WE'RE NOT GOING ASK YOU ANYTHING, WHICH MEANS IF YOU'RE MARRIED, YOU'RE MARRIED. AND THERE HAVE BEEN CERTAIN THINGS STATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY AND THE WHITE HOUSE... [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB190]

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...THAT ON FACILITIES THAT ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THESE PEOPLE. THEY INDEED ARE OUT THERE, FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS OF EVERYBODY, EVEN YOUR RIGHT TO TELL THEM THAT THEY'RE GOING TO HELL BECAUSE THEY'RE MARRIED TO EACH OTHER. THEY'RE FIGHTING FOR YOUR RIGHT TO SAY THAT. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, THERE'S SOMEBODY WHO IS GOING TO FIGHT FOR THEIR RIGHT TO ENJOY THE DIGNITY THAT EVERY PERSON IN THIS COUNTRY OUGHT TO HAVE. EVEN IF THESE PERSONS ARE NOT CITIZENS, THOSE INALIENABLE RIGHTS ATTACH TO A PERSON. AND WHEN IT COMES TO HUMAN RIGHTS, THE U.S. CONSTITUTION SAYS, NO PERSON. IT DOESN'T SAY NO CITIZEN. TO VOTE, YOU HAVE TO BE A CITIZEN. WHEN IT COMES TO THESE FUNDAMENTAL BASIC RIGHTS, IT USES THE TERM "PERSON" OR SOME OTHER WORD THAT DESIGNATES YOU AS A HUMAN BEING. YOU HAVE THOSE RIGHTS REGARDLESS OF ANY POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS AT ALL. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: TIME, SENATOR. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATORS, YOU'VE HEARD THE DEBATE AND THE CLOSING ON THE BRACKET MOTION. THE QUESTION IS, SHALL LB190 BE BRACKETED UNTIL APRIL 15, 2015? SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I WANT A CALL OF THE HOUSE AND A ROLL CALL VOTE. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THERE'S BEEN A REQUEST FOR A CALL OF THE HOUSE. THE QUESTION IS, SHALL THE HOUSE GO UNDER CALL? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE CALL VOTE AYE; THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. RECORD PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB190]

CLERK: 29 AYES, 2 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, TO PLACE THE HOUSE UNDER CALL. [LB190]

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. SENATOR KRIST, PLEASE...THEY'RE ALL PRESENT, MR. CLERK. ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE. [LB190]

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CLERK: (ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGES 378-379.) 3 AYES, 39 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, ON THE MOTION TO BRACKET THE BILL. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. THE MOTION FAILS. I RAISE THE CALL. [LB190]

CLERK: PRIORITY MOTION: SENATOR CHAMBERS WOULD MOVE TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE JUST TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO BRACKETING LB190. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO OPEN ON YOUR MOTION TO RECONSIDER. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE. SO FAR, I'M STILL OF A MIND NOT TO GO EIGHT HOURS, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I COULDN'T GO SEVEN HOURS AND 59 MINUTES. I LEFT A CONTINUUM THERE, BUT THAT'S NOT EVEN MY INTENT AT THIS POINT. THERE WERE THREE VOTES UP THERE. SINCE YOU ALL PRAY HERE EVERY MORNING, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REFERENCE TO THE RELIGION. JESUS WAS TALKING TO THE PEOPLE WHO WERE ON HIS SIDE. HE SAID, IF TWO OR THREE OF YOU ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME, THERE WILL I BE IN THE MIDST OF YOU. HE KNEW HOW BAD PEOPLE WERE, HOW HATEFUL THEY WERE. SO WHEN YOU TAKE A POSITION LIKE HIS, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF COMPANY. BUT IF THERE ARE THAT TWO OR THREE OF YOU WHO HAVE THE HEART, THE NERVE, THE BOLDNESS, THE COURAGE TO SHOW YOURSELF TO THE WORLD THAT YOU'RE ON MY SIDE, THEN I WILL BE WITH YOU. IF THEY HAVE A COLISEUM FULL OF PEOPLE, I DON'T NEED TO BE THERE. THEY'VE GOT EACH OTHER. YOU TWO OR THREE ARE THE ONES WHO ARE NEEDED. NOW, BASED ON YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD JESUS, AM I GREATER THAN JESUS? SO IF THERE ARE THREE WHO ARE WILLING TO STAND FORTH, I GIVE THEM AS MUCH CREDIT AS JESUS WOULD GIVE THAT TWO OR THREE HE WAS TALKING ABOUT. I HANDED OUT A RHYME THIS MORNING. AND IT WAS INSPIRED, IF YOU WANT TO CALL IT THAT, BY THE "BIBBLE" AND THE FACT THAT YOU ALL PRAY ALL THE TIME. I WAS NOT GOING TO READ IT INTO THE RECORD, BUT BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE DISCUSSION, I'M GOING READ IT. FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T SEE IT, AT THE BOTTOM IS A PHOTOGRAPH OF A MASSIVE SILVERBACK GORILLA ON ALL FOURS, NOT LOOKING DIRECTLY AT THE PERSON LOOKING AT THIS PICTURE, BUT STARING OR GLARING. THE TITLE OF THE RHYME IS, "QUESTION UNANSWERED." AND IT STARTS WITH A VERSE FROM GENESIS, THE FOURTH CHAPTER, THE NINTH VERSE, "AND THE LORD SAID UNTO CAIN, "WHERE IS ABEL, THY BROTHER?" AND HE SAID, "AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?" AND THAT GOT MY MIND WORKING. AND, YOU KNOW,

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THEY SAY AN IDLE MIND IS THE DEVIL'S WORKSHOP. ONE OF THE FEW TIMES YOU'LL SEE IDLE AND WORK PUT TOGETHER IN THE SAME SENTENCE, BECAUSE IF THERE'S WORK, IT'S NOT IDLE. IF IT'S IDLE, THERE'S NO WORK. BUT THIS IS THE WAY IT WENT. "ONCE A MIGHTY SILVERBACK GORILLA IN A ZOO, DID A THING NO SILVERBACK GORILLA OUGHT TO DO. TRUE--HE WAS DEPRIVED OF FREEDOM, LOCKED WITHIN A CAGE; TRUE--CAPTIVITY DID, THIS MIGHTY SILVERBACK ENRAGE; ALSO TRUE--IF HE COULD LAY HIS HANDS UPON THE KEY TO UNLOCK THAT CAGE, THE MIGHTY SILVERBACK COULD GET FREE. HE AND EVERY SIMIAN KEPT ENCAGED WITHIN THAT ZOO, PINED FOR FREEDOM--THEIR ENCAGEMENT, BITTERLY, ALL DID RUE. IN THE MIDST OF WINTER ON A GLOOMY, OVERCAST DAY, THE SILVERBACK SOMEHOW CONTRIVED THE SIMIANS' KEEPER TO SLAY. HE AND ALL THE OTHER SIMIANS BROKE FREE FROM THAT ZOO. SOME SUSPECTED--BUT WEREN'T SURE--ON WHOM TO SHOWER DUE, FOR THE RESTORATION OF THEIR FREEDOM, SO THEY SET UP COURT TO DETERMINE WHO DID GUIDE THEIR SHIP TO FREEDOM'S PORT. ON THE STAND, THE MIGHTY SILVERBACK OFFERED TESTIMONY MARKED BY ANGER, INDIGNATION, BITTER ACRIMONY. HE WAS ASKED: 'WAS IT YOUR HAND THAT TOOK THE KEEPER'S LIFE, DISPATCHING HIM FROM EARTH AND MAKING A WIDOW OF HIS WIFE?' TO THE QUERY, HE DID NOT IMMEDIATELY REPLY; HE JUST SMILED A SIMIAN SMILE AND WINKED A SIMIAN EYE. HE WAS PRESSED: 'THE LAST ONE SEEN WITH HIM WAS YOU--NONE OTHER...' THEN, THE MIGHTY SILVERBACK INTONED: 'AM I MY KEEPER'S BROTHER?'" THE ORIGINAL QUESTION HAD TO DO WITH THE TYPES OF ISSUES THAT I AM DISCUSSING NOW. ARE WE OUR BROTHERS' AND OUR SISTERS' KEEPER? AND I SAY THAT WE ARE. AND THE THING THAT YOU CAN HANG IT ON IS WHAT YOU SAY YOU BELIEVE ABOUT THAT SO-CALLED GOLDEN RULE WHICH EXISTED LONG BEFORE JESUS WAS EVER THOUGHT OF. WHAT YOU WANT OTHERS TO DO FOR YOU, DO THAT FOR THEM. IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE A PERSON WHO LOVES SOMEBODY THE SAME SEX AS YOU, WOULD YOU WANT TO BE STRIPPED OF YOUR HUMANITY? WOULD YOU WANT TO BE STRIPPED OF YOUR DIGNITY? THERE WAS SOME SONG CALLED THE "WHIFFENPOOF," WHATEVER THAT IS. AND ONE OF THE LYRICS SAID THEY SCORNED US FOR BEING WHAT WE ARE. HAVING LIVED A LIFE OF BEING SCORNEDE, LYRICS LIKE THAT RESONATE WITH ME. PEOPLE AND THINGS DEPRIVED OF THEIR FREEDOM HAVE A SPECIAL IMPACT ON ME. WEAK PEOPLE BEING BULLIED AND ABUSED WILL RESONATE WITH ME, NOT LIKE A CHRISTIAN WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE KU KLUX KLAN WHO WILL SIMPLY BECOME ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE MOB, BUT ONE WHO WILL TRY TO STAND WITH THE PERSON BEING CONFRONTED BY THE MOB, AND WILL TELL THEM, YOU HAVE AT LEAST TWO OF US THAT YOU'VE GOT TO DO IT TO TODAY. YOU HAVE AT LEAST TWO OF US. AND SOMETIMES MOBS ARE SO COWARDLY, ONE ADDITIONAL PERSON WILL MAKE THEM HESITATE, AND IF IN THAT INSTANT OF HESITATION SOME PERSON IN THAT MOB REGAINS HIS OR HER SENSE OF

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HUMANITY, THEN THAT PERSON MIGHT STOP. THEN THE ONE NEXT TO HIM OR HER MIGHT STOP. AND IT SPREADS. THEN NOBODY WANTS TO BE THE ONE TO START THE MOB MOVING AGAIN, AND THEY DISBAND AND DISAPPEAR INTO THE NIGHT AND NOBODY TELLS ON ANYBODY, AND IT BECOMES SOMETHING THAT NEVER HAPPENED BECAUSE IT'S NEVER DISCUSSED. BUT SOMEBODY HAS GOT TO FACE THEM DOWN FIRST. AND SOMETIMES THIS LEGISLATURE BEHAVES LIKE A MINDLESS LYNCH MOB. YOU ALL DO THINGS TO HURT PEOPLE YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO HURT. THEY HAVEN'T HURT YOU. THEY DON'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING TO HURT YOU. THEY DON'T COME INTO YOUR HOUSE AND TELL YOU HOW TO RUN YOUR AFFAIRS. THEY DON'T GO TO YOUR CHURCHES AND SAY, YOU OUGHT TO PREACH THIS WAY OR THAT WAY. ALL THEY SAY IS, LEAVE US ALONE. AND IF YOUR LAWS MEAN WHAT THEY SAY, THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN RIGHTS THAT EVERY PERSON, EVERY CREATURE BORN OF A MAN AND A WOMAN IS A HUMAN BEING AND HAS THOSE RIGHTS, EXTEND TO US THOSE RIGHTS. THEY DON'T TELL A WOMAN SHE CAN'T MARRY AN UGLY MAN. THEY DON'T TELL A YOUNG WOMAN SHE CAN'T MARRY AN OLD MAN. IT JUST HAS TO BE SOMEBODY OF THE OPPOSITE SEX. SO THEY WOULD RATHER SEE IF A MAN HAS GOT A DAUGHTER, HE'D RATHER SEE HER MARRY SOME BRUTE WHO IS GOING TO BEAT HER BRAINS OUT EVERY DAY, WON'T GIVE HER ENOUGH FOOD TO EAT, AND WILL NOT LET HER LEAVE THE HOUSE TO GET ANY FOOD, WHO WILL CALL HER ALL THOSE BAD NAMES THAT MEN HAVE FOR WOMEN: BITCH, WHORE, FLOOZY, CHIPPY, COURTESAN. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: BUT THEY DON'T HAVE ALL THOSE KIND OF DEGRADING NAMES FOR MEN BECAUSE MEN ARE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE THE NAMES. AND THESE CHRISTIAN MEN WOULD RATHER THEIR DAUGHTER MARRY SOMEBODY LIKE THAT INSTEAD OF ANOTHER WOMAN WHO WILL LOVE HER, CHERISH HER, RESPECT HER IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH, IN POVERTY. IF THEY GET WEALTHY AND THEY, TOO, ARE NOW ONE, YOU WOULDN'T WANT THAT. YOU'D RATHER HAVE THIS BRUTE BECAUSE HE HAS SOMETHING BETWEEN HIS LEGS THAT SHE DOESN'T. THAT'S HOW CRUDE AND GROSS YOUR ATTITUDES ARE. AND I WILL TRY DELICATELY TO DISCUSS SOMETHING AND YOU THINK I SHOULDN'T. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR SCHUMACHER. [LB190]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE BODY. WHAT STARTED OUT AS A THOUGHT EXPERIMENT I THINK IS NOW FOCUSING ON A SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF WHAT THE SECOND AMENDMENT MEANS. BEFORE I GET INTO THAT, I THINK SOMETHING NEEDS

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TO BE CLARIFIED BECAUSE WE'RE HUNG UP ON 180 DAYS. I THINK IT'S MORE THAN 180 DAYS. THE FIRST THING YOU HAVE TO CLEAR, IF YOU WANT ONE OF THESE PERMITS, IS YOU HAVE TO BE A RESIDENT OF A STATE...OF THIS STATE FOR 180 DAYS. THEN IT GOES ON TO SAY THE RESIDENT DOES NOT INCLUDE AN APPLICANT WHO MAINTAINS A RESIDENCE IN ANOTHER STATE AND CLAIMS THAT RESIDENCE FOR VOTING OR TAX PURPOSES. MOST OF THESE MILITARY PEOPLE, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, WHAT THEY DO IS THEY CLAIM THEIR HOME STATE AS THEIR STATE OF RESIDENCE FOR TAXES AND FOR VOTING PURPOSES. SO THE 180 DAYS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM. SO THIS MAKES THIS MORE AND MORE IMPORTANT AS A SECOND AMENDMENT ISSUE. BECAUSE IF SOMEBODY MOVES HERE AS A SPOUSE, PARTNER, MATE, WHATEVER YOU CALL IT, OF A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY, THE ONLY WAY...AND CHOOSES TO RETAIN THEIR ORIGINAL JOINT TAX FILING WITH THEIR SPOUSE IN ANOTHER STATE, THE ONLY WAY THAT THEY CAN EXERCISE THEIR SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS IS IF THEY WOULD FALL UNDER THIS EXCEPTION. AND WE'VE BEEN DENYING PEOPLE THE SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHT TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON IF THEY WERE A SPOUSE OF SOMEBODY IN THE MILITARY WHO MAINTAIN THEIR TAX FILING STATUS IN ANOTHER STATE. AND THE QUESTION IS NOW FOCUSED IN SENATOR BLOOMFIELD'S BILL WHETHER, IN EXTENDING THE RIGHT AND RECOGNIZING THE SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHT TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON, WE MEAN TO STILL EXCLUDE THOSE PEOPLE WHO THE MILITARY RECOGNIZES, FOR PURPOSES OF MILITARY BENEFITS, TO BE A SPOUSE OR TO BE MARRIED OR TO BE AT LEAST ENTITLED TO THOSE BENEFITS IF WE TAKE OBJECTION TO THE WORD "SPOUSE." BUT DOES NOT THE SECOND AMENDMENT APPLY TO THOSE PEOPLE? SHOULD NOT THOSE PEOPLE HAVE THE SAME SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS TO CARRY A WEAPON, CONCEALED, AS ANYBODY ELSE? IS NOT THE SECOND AMENDMENT SEX BLIND, COLOR BLIND? DOES IT ONLY BELONG TO SOME PEOPLE, OR DOES IT BELONG TO ALL OF US? AND WHAT GREAT EVIL WOULD COME FROM SAYING A PARTNER OF SOMEBODY IN THE MILITARY, WHO IS CONSIDERED BY THE MILITARY TO BE ENTITLED TO MILITARY BENEFITS, IS ENTITLED TO EXERCISE THEIR SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHT TO A CONCEALED WEAPON IN THIS STATE? WHAT'S ALL THE ISSUE ABOUT? AND MAYBE WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS JUST SIMPLY SAY IT RIGHT IN AN AMENDMENT TO THIS BILL, LOOK, EVERYBODY HAS A RIGHT TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON, REGARDLESS OF RACE, REGARDLESS OF CREED, REGARDLESS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION. WE'RE NOT TALKING MARRIAGE HERE. WE'RE TALKING EXERCISE OF A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON. WHY DO WE WANT TO LIMIT THAT RIGHT BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER? THIS IS NOT ABOUT MARRIAGE. THIS IS ABOUT THE SECOND AMENDMENT. AND IT BELONGS TO EVERYBODY. THANK YOU. [LB190]

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PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR SCHUMACHER. SENATOR KINTNER.
[LB190]

SENATOR KINTNER: WELL, THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. YOU KNOW, I KNOW THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THIS BODY THAT BADLY, BADLY WANT SAME-SEX MARRIAGE. IT'S SOMETHING THEY LIVE AND...LIVE FOR EVERY DAY AND THEY BADLY WANT IT. BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? IT'S IN OUR CONSTITUTION. THIS BODY CAN'T DO A DARN THING ABOUT IT. THE VOTERS HAVE SAID HOW THEY WANT MARRIAGE DEFINED, AND THERE'S NOTHING THAT WE'RE GOING TO DO IN THIS BODY THAT'S GOING TO CHANGE THAT. NOW THERE MAY BE A LIBERAL JUDGE THAT COMES AND THROWS IT OUT AND THEY MAY IMPOSE SAME-SEX MARRIAGE ON US. IF YOU CAN FIND A LIBERAL JUDGE, HAVE AT IT. BUT IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT WE IN THIS BODY ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO. IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD SPEND TIME ON. THE VOTERS HAVE CLEARLY SPOKEN. UNTIL THEY SPEAK AGAIN OR SOME JUDGE WANTS TO PLAY LEGISLATOR AND SPEAK, THAT'S FINE. I JUST DON'T THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE GOING TO SOLVE IN THIS BODY. I THINK OUR HANDS ARE TIED AND PROBABLY RIGHTLY SO ON THIS ISSUE. SO I THINK WE NEED TO STICK TO THE ISSUE AT HAND HERE, AND THAT'S THE SPOUSES OF MILITARY PEOPLE STATIONED HERE IN OUR STATE. AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUES TO DO THAT. THIS OUGHT NOT TO TAKE THAT LONG. I THINK THERE'S OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR THIS AND WE DON'T NEED TO TANGLE IT UP WITH SOME ISSUE THAT WE DON'T HAVE CONTROL OVER. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR KINTNER. SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: MR. PRESIDENT. SENATOR KINTNER DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THIS BILL IS ABOUT. THIS IS A BILL NOT BROUGHT BY ME BUT BY THOSE LIKE HIM WHO LOVE GUNS AND THINK THERE SHOULD BE AS MANY GUNS IN AS MANY HANDS AS POSSIBLE. SO THERE IS AN EXISTING PRIVILEGE GRANTED TO MILITARY PEOPLE, WHO IF THEY'RE GOING TO LIVE IN THEIR HOME STATE, IF THAT'S GOING TO BE THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR VOTING AND TAX PURPOSES, THEY, FOR PURPOSES OF GETTING ONE OF THESE GUNS, WILL BE ALLOWED TO HAVE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS THAT APPLY TO EVERYBODY ELSE NOT APPLY TO THEM IF THEY'RE STATIONED IN NEBRASKA. I DIDN'T PUT THAT THERE. THIS BILL RAISES THE ISSUE OF THE RIGHTS OF A SPOUSE. THAT'S WHAT THIS BILL DOES. AND THE RIGHT OF THAT SPOUSE EXISTS NOT BECAUSE OF THAT PERSON, BUT IT DERIVES ITS LEGITIMACY AND VALIDITY FROM THE PRIVILEGE GRANTED TO THAT PERSON'S SPOUSE WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY. ALL THESE PEOPLE WHO SIGNED THIS BILL, LET THEM THINK AGAIN NOW. AND THEY CAN

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SAY ALL THEY WANT TO, WE DIDN'T KNOW THAT THIS ISSUE OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE WOULD BE IMPLICATED. THAT'S YOUR IGNORANCE THAT YOU DID NOT TAKE THE TIME TO CURE WHEN YOU BROUGHT THIS BILL. THE JESUITS AND EVERYBODY ELSE TELL YOU THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF IGNORANCE: VINCIBLE IGNORANCE AND INVINCIBLE IGNORANCE. VINCIBLE IGNORANCE IS THAT WHICH CAN BE CORRECTED, REMEDIED, OR RECTIFIED OR OVERCOME THROUGH STUDY, INFORMATION, EVIDENCE, EXPERIENCE, OR ANYTHING WHICH WILL SHOW YOU THAT THE ERRONEOUS POSITION YOU'RE HOLDING NOW IS INDEED ERRONEOUS AND OVER HERE IS THE ONE THAT IS CORRECT. THAT'S VINCIBLE IGNORANCE. THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE BRING TO SCHOOL. INVINCIBLE IGNORANCE IS THE KIND THAT YOU FIND IN LEGISLATURES WHERE THE PEOPLE CANNOT HAVE THEIR IGNORANCE OVERCOME. IT CANNOT BE DEFEATED, IT CANNOT BE RECTIFIED, AND WORST OF ALL, IT IS NOT EVEN RECOGNIZED TO EXIST BY THE ONE WHO IS INVINCIBLY IGNORANT BECAUSE HE OR SHE IS SO IGNORANT THAT THAT VERY IGNORANCE IS UNKNOWN TO THAT PERSON. WHAT DOES THE WORD "SPOUSE" MEAN FOR PURPOSES OF THIS BILL? THE WORD "SPOUSE" FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS BILL MEANS THAT THAT PERSON HAS A SPOUSAL CONNECTION TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE MILITARY WHO LIVES IN ANOTHER STATE, WHO CLAIMS THAT OTHER STATE FOR HIS OR HER RESIDENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES. BUT ONCE THAT PERSON, CLAIMING "KNOTHEAD," ALABAMA, AS THEIR HOME, IS IN THE MILITARY AND STATIONED IN NEBRASKA... [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..."KNOTHEAD," ALABAMA, IS HIS OR HER RESIDENCE FOR EVERY OTHER PURPOSE, BUT FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS, THE STATE IS GOING TO WAIVE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS, THAT EVERYBODY ELSE IS SUBJECT TO, AND SAY THAT BECAUSE YOUR SPOUSE IS IN THE MILITARY, WE'RE WAIVING THIS RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR YOU SINCE YOU'RE THE SPOUSE. THE RIGHT INHERES IN YOUR SPOUSE WHO IS IN THE MILITARY. IT IS TRANSFERRED OR EXTENDED TO YOU BECAUSE YOU HAVE A SPOUSAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THAT PERSON IN THE MILITARY. YOU ALL WHO SIGNED ON THIS BILL ARE THE ONES WHO BROUGHT THAT TO US. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE NEXT IN THE QUEUE. YOU'RE RECOGNIZED FOR 5:00. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: MR. PRESIDENT, WOULD YOU REPEAT THAT, PLEASE, I WAS...? [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, SENATOR. [LB190]

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: OH, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, JUST LIKE THAT FEE BILL DIDN'T HAVE TO TAKE AS MUCH TIME AS IT DID, THIS DISCUSSION DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO GO THIS LONG OR BECOME THIS INVOLVED. WHEN "PROFESSOR"...NOW I'M GOING TO GIVE HIM THE TITLE THAT I THINK HE'S MORE WORTHY OF THAN MERE SENATOR, "PROFESSOR" SCHUMACHER ASKED WOULD THIS BILL GRANT THE SAME RIGHTS OF SOMEBODY WHO IS A SPOUSE OF SOMEBODY IN THE MILITARY IF THAT SPOUSE IS THE SAME SEX AS THE SPOUSE WHO IS IN THE MILITARY? ALL THAT SENATOR BLOOMFIELD WOULD HAVE HAD TO SAY IS, THE BILL SAYS WHAT IT SAYS. IF THAT PERSON HAS A SPOUSAL RELATIONSHIP TO THE ONE IN THE MILITARY, THIS BILL APPLIES TO THE SPOUSE. WHETHER CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT, JEW, BAPTIST--WHAT ARE SOME OF THOSE OTHER--MUSLIM, HINDU, WHATEVER, IT APPLIES TO ALL OF THEM WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY OF THOSE OTHER THINGS. THE ONLY REQUIREMENT IS THAT SPOUSAL RELATIONSHIP. BUT ONCE THOSE WHO WANT THIS BILL INJECT THE OTHER IDEA INTO IT THAT EVEN THOUGH THIS PERSON WHO IS NOT IN THE MILITARY HAS A SPOUSAL RELATIONSHIP TO THE ONE WHO IS, THIS LAW IS NOT INTENDED TO APPLY TO THAT SPOUSE. AND THAT'S WHEN YOU DREW ME INTO A DEEPER DISCUSSION OF THIS BILL THAN I INTENDED TO GET INTO. I WOULD RAISE THE ISSUE A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY FROM THE WAY SENATOR SCHUMACHER DID, BUT WE WOULD HAVE WOUND UP HERE ANYWAY. BECAUSE THE WAY I WAS GOING TO INTRODUCE IT WAS TO SAY, WELL, SINCE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE STATUS OF PEOPLE IN THE MILITARY, THE MILITARY HAS ADOPTED THE PRINCIPLE, WITH REFERENCE TO SAME-SEX COUPLES, SPOUSES: DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL. SO IS THIS A DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL BILL, OR IS IT ONE THAT'S GOING TO PRACTICE DISCRIMINATION? AND SENATOR BLOOMFIELD CAME DOWN ON THE SIDE THAT KNOWING HIS NEBRASKA COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, IT WOULD SAY THAT PEOPLE OF THE SAME SEX MARRIED FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES IN OTHER PLACES AND EVEN THE MILITARY AS FAR AS BENEFITS, IN NEBRASKA, UH-UH. WE DON'T PLAY THAT. SENATOR KINTNER TALKED ABOUT A LITTLE JUDGE DOING SOMETHING OR OTHER. ANY JUDGE IS BIGGER THAN SENATOR KINTNER. LITTLE SENATOR KINTNER CAN'T DO ONE SINGLE THING BY HIMSELF IN THIS LEGISLATURE. SO HE'S THE LAST ONE WHO OUGHT TO TALK ABOUT SOMEBODY BEING LITTLE IN TERMS OF THE POWER THAT HE OR SHE HAS. YOU KNOW WHY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WANTED TO PUT OFF A LAWSUIT THAT WAS FILED TO OVERTURN NEBRASKA'S CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION AS BEING IN VIOLATION OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION? BECAUSE HE KNOWS THAT A JUDGE IS LIKELY TO STRIKE IT DOWN; THAT JUST BECAUSE BONEHEADED PEOPLE IN NEBRASKA PUT IT INTO THEIR CONSTITUTION DOESN'T MAKE IT RIGHT. AND IT WON'T TRUMP THE U.S. CONSTITUTION. AND THE U.S. SUPREME COURT IS GOING TO TAKE UP THE ISSUE. AND WHEN YOU HAVE THE VAST

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MAJORITY OF STATES GOING A CERTAIN DIRECTION... [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...THAT INFLUENCES THE COURT BECAUSE THEY WILL SAY THAT THIS MANY STATES DOING THIS OR THAT OR THE OTHER INDICATES THAT SOCIETY HAS REACHED THAT POINT IN ITS DEVELOPMENT, IN ITS GROWTH, IN ITS MATURATION PROCESS WHERE THAT WHICH WAS FROWNED ON BEFORE HAS NOW BEEN ACCEPTED. THEREFORE, THIS THAT HAS HAPPENED ON THE BASIS OF WHAT INDIVIDUAL JUDGES, SOME STATE JUDGES, AND SOME GROUPS OF PEOPLE HAVE DONE, THE U.S. CONSTITUTION IS GOING TO THROW A CLOAK OF PROTECTION OVER ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE DECIDED THAT THEY CAN MAKE IT THROUGH THIS LIFE WITH SOMEBODY OF THE SAME SEX BETTER THAN THEY CAN SOMEBODY OF THE OPPOSITE SEX. SO ANY STATE, IN ITS BONEHEADED WAY... [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: TIME, SENATOR. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. (MICROPHONE MALFUNCTION) [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: YES, IT WAS, SENATOR. AND SEEING NO OTHER SENATORS WISHING TO SPEAK, SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO CLOSE ON YOUR RECONSIDERATION MOTION. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. THESE BONEHEADED, HATEFUL PEOPLE WHO CAN'T GET THINGS RIGHT IN THEIR OWN MARRIAGE, CAN'T GET THINGS RIGHT WITH THEIR OWN CHILDREN, ARE GOING TO LOOK WAY OVER THE FENCE, DOWN THE STREET AND AROUND THE CORNER, AND SAY, WELL, THEY'RE DOING SOMETHING I DON'T THINK THEY OUGHT TO DO, AND WE'RE GOING TO VOTE THAT THEY CAN'T DO IT. AND THE JUDGES WILL SAY, WELL, THAT CAN'T HAPPEN ANYMORE. AND ALL THESE LITTLE HAMLETS, THESE LITTLE VILLAGES, AND PLACES LIKE NEBRASKA WHICH ARE HAMLETS AND VILLAGES EXCEPT ON A BIGGER ORDER AS FAR AS GEOGRAPHY, THEY CAN'T HAVE IT THEIR WAY. THEIR VOTE IS NOT WHAT WILL DETERMINE HUMAN RIGHTS OR RIGHTS UNDER THE U.S. CONSTITUTION. AND IF WHAT I'M SAYING TURNS OUT TO BE INCORRECT, I STILL WILL BELIEVE THE WAY I BELIEVE AND I WILL BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. SUPREME COURT GOT IT WRONG. BUT IN FOLLOWING THE WAY THE SUPREME COURT MAKES THIS DECISION, THE FACT THAT THEY TOOK IT UP AT THIS POINT MEANS THAT IN THEIR MINDS--JUDGES TALK TO EACH OTHER--THAT THIS ISSUE HAS REACHED THE TIPPING POINT. IT'S NOT WHERE THERE'S AN EVEN DIVISION OF THE COUNTRY. BUT THE TIPPING POINT HAS BEEN REACHED AND PASSED AND

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THIS IS AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME, AND IT'S TIME TO RECOGNIZE IT IN THE REALM OF FEDERAL LAW, WHICH TRUMPS STATE LAW. AND ANY PROVISION OF ANY STATE CONTRARY...TO THE CONTRARY IS JUST WIPED OUT. AND IF THEY WANT TO LEAVE IT IN THEIR CONSTITUTION AS A MEMORIAL OF THEIR BACKWARDNESS, THEY DON'T HAVE TO TAKE IT OUT OF THEIR CONSTITUTION, BUT IT'S WHAT'S KNOWN AS A DEAD LETTER LAW AND IT NEVER SHOULD HAVE BEEN PUT IN THIS CONSTITUTION. AND THAT'S WHAT I THINK IS GOING TO HAPPEN. THEN I MAY SEE WHAT SENATOR KINTNER AND HIS ILK HAVE TO SAY ABOUT WHAT SOME LITTLE JUDGE DID. THESE ARE SERIOUS ISSUES AND WHEN THEY'RE BROUGHT BEFORE US, THEY MUST BE DISCUSSED. AND GO TO THE FRONT PAGE OF THIS BILL AND LOOK HOW MANY PEOPLE SIGNED IT, PLUS EIGHT MORE AND A FEW TO SPARE. THEY ALL WENT ALONG WITH IT. SO NOW THEY'RE GOING TO GET MAD BECAUSE WHAT THEY SIGNED HAS LED TO A SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF VERY SERIOUS ISSUES, IN FACT, ONE OF THE MOST HEATED ISSUES FACING THE COUNTRY RIGHT NOW? AND IT PROBABLY AFFECTS PRACTICALLY EVERY FAMILY IN THIS COUNTRY BECAUSE THERE ARE GAY PEOPLE IN PRACTICALLY EVERY FAMILY. SENATOR...GOVERNOR RICKETTS HAS A GAY SIBLING, BUT HE TURNED HIS BACK ON HER BECAUSE HE'S A POLITICIAN. AND WHAT MY SISTER IS DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING TO ME BECAUSE I'M NOT MY SISTER'S KEEPER. I'M THE KEEPER OF POLITICS. THEY HAVE OFTEN SAID THAT THOSE WHO FIGHT THIS ISSUE THE HARDEST MAY BE THE ONES WITH THE MOST TO HIDE. SO, IF MY BROTHER WERE GAY, WOULD I TURN MY BACK ON HIM? THAT DOESN'T STOP HIM FROM BEING MY BROTHER. IF MY SISTER WERE GAY, SHE WOULD STILL BE MY SISTER. DOES THAT MEAN I WOULD NOT CARE ABOUT THEM; I WOULD NOT ASSIST THEM IN EVERY WAY THAT I CAN? IF ANYTHING, IT WOULD DRAW ME CLOSER BECAUSE I KNOW NOW THAT MORE PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD ARE ASSEMBLED AGAINST THEM AND WOULD HURT THEM WHO DON'T EVEN KNOW THEM. SO IT WOULD DRAW ME CLOSER TO THEM. I WOULD NOT TURN MY BACK ON MY BROTHER OR SISTER BECAUSE I WANT TO BE A POLITICIAN. BUT THEN I'M NOT SURPRISED AT HIM. HE'S THE ONE WHO REACHED OUT AND SLAPPED ME. HE... [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: HE'S GOING TO SLAP THE LION OF THE LEGISLATURE. AND HE'S A LITTLE LAMB RUNNING AROUND HERE DENYING HIS SISTER. YOU THINK I SHOULDN'T SAY IT? YEAH, I SAID IT, AND I MEAN IT. ANYBODY WHO'D DO THAT IS BELOW, IN MY ESTIMATION, THE LEVEL OF CONTEMPT. WHERE IS FAMILY NOW? WHERE ARE FAMILY VALUES NOW? WELL, MAYBE HE'S GOT HIS EYE ON A HIGHER OFFICE, BUT I'LL TELL YOU WHAT. IF THE SUPREME COURT OPENS THE WAY, HE'LL SUDDENLY BECOME CONVERTED AND HE'LL CHANGE HIS STANCE. BECAUSE BEING THE MAN HE OUGHT TO BE AND THE BROTHER

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HE SHOULD BE, HE CAN BE THE KIND THAT HE KNOWS HE OUGHT TO BE, AND THE SUPREME COURT WILL HAVE FREED HIM IN THE WAY THAT HIS RELIGION WON'T. MR. PRESIDENT, HAVING SAID ALL THESE THINGS, I WANT TO SHOW A BIT OF COLLEGIALLY,... [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: TIME, SENATOR. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...SO I'M GOING TO WITHDRAW THAT MOTION. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN. THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. MR. CLERK. [LB190]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, IF I MAY, A COUPLE OF ITEMS FOR THE RECORD. A NEW RESOLUTION: SENATOR KINTNER OFFERS LR48, THAT WILL BE LAID OVER. HEARING NOTICES FROM THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE AND FROM THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SIGNED BY THE RESPECTIVE CHAIRS. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGES 379-381.) [LR48]

MR. PRESIDENT, SENATOR SCHUMACHER WOULD MOVE TO AMEND LB190 WITH FA8. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 381.) [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. SENATOR SCHUMACHER, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO OPEN ON FA8. [LB190]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE BODY. THIS DISCUSSION PROBABLY JUST FOCUSES ON A VERY SIMPLE PROPOSITION: WHETHER OR NOT WE INTEND TO EXTEND OUR CONCEALED WEAPON LAWS TO PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THE MILITARY WHO THE MILITARY CONSIDERS TO BE ENTITLED TO THE BENEFITS OF A SPOUSE OF A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY. IT'S A DEFINITION OF WHAT IS MEANT BY THE WORD "SPOUSE" IN THIS PARTICULAR LB190. SO, TO BRING IT TO A HEAD AND FIND OUT WHETHER OR NOT WE WANT TO EXTEND THE SECOND AMENDMENT CONCEALED WEAPON PROVISIONS OF OUR LAWS TO THOSE PEOPLE OR EXCLUDE PEOPLE WHO FIT THAT CLASSIFICATION FROM THE BENEFITS OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT IN THIS STATE, I PROPOSE A VERY SIMPLE AMENDMENT. RIGHT NOW THE BILL READS, "THE SPOUSE OF SUCH APPLICANT SHALL ALSO BE CONSIDERED A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION." MY AMENDMENT WOULD ADD THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE, "AS SHALL A PERSON RECEIVING THE BENEFITS OF A SPOUSE OF A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES UNDER THE LAW OF THE UNITED STATES." SO IT INCLUDES THEM IN OUR SECOND AMENDMENT PROTECTIONS. IF WE DON'T...IF WE WANT TO EXCLUDE SOME FOLKS FROM OUR SECOND AMENDMENT PROTECTIONS, THEN WE VOTE NO ON THIS. IF WE

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WANT TO INCLUDE EVERY COMPETENT ADULT UNDER OUR SECOND AMENDMENT PROTECTIONS, WE VOTE YES. IT'S A SIMPLE PROPOSITION AND I THINK IT RESOLVES THE ISSUE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER AND LETS US MOVE ON. I THINK WOULD...I THINK IT'S A FAIR PROPOSITION. I LIKE THE SECOND AMENDMENT, SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOUR VOTE FOR FA8. THANK YOU. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR SCHUMACHER. DEBATE IS NOW OPEN ON FA8. SEEING NO SENATORS WISHING TO SPEAK...EXCUSE ME, SENATOR PANSING BROOKS ACTUALLY WAS FIRST. SENATOR PANSING BROOKS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB190]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. IT'S SUCH A DICHOTOMY TO FIND MYSELF IN, AS ONE OF THE FIRST TIMES THAT I STAND UP ON THE FLOOR. I AM GENERALLY IN FAVOR OF THE ABILITY AND THE LAWS BEHIND THE SECOND AMENDMENT, BUT I AGREE WITH MR....WITH SENATOR CHAMBERS THAT THE PROLIFERATION OF GUNS IN OUR SOCIETY IS NOT GOOD AND...BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT. WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT IS THE AMAZING DICHOTOMY OF WHAT WE FIND OURSELVES IN, IN ARGUMENT OF THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT AND THE SECOND AMENDMENT. AND I APPRECIATE SENATOR SCHUMACHER'S AMENDMENT. HE'S TRYING TO MAKE THIS GO FORWARD. THE RIDICULOUSNESS IS THAT HE HAS TO MAKE THAT AMENDMENT. IF I MAY, FOR A SECOND, I WOULD LIKE TO READ AND REMIND EVERYBODY WHAT THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT SAYS OF OUR CONSTITUTION: THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT ADDRESSES MANY ASPECTS...OH, EXCUSE ME, ALL...THIS IS IT, SECTION ONE, "ALL PERSONS BORN OR NATURALIZED IN THE UNITED STATES AND SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION THEREOF, ARE CITIZENS." DO YOU ALL HEAR THAT? IT HASN'T...IT DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE...WHAT YOUR SEXUAL PREFERENCE IS. IT DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT YOUR RACE IS, WHICH WE HAD TO ARGUE MANY YEARS AGO. IT SAYS, "ALL PERSONS BORN OR NATURALIZED IN THE UNITED STATES AND SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION THEREOF, ARE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THE STATE WHEREIN THEY RESIDE." WHICH PART OF THAT, I WOULD ASK YOU, SAYS WE NEED TO MAKE EXCEPTIONS FOR THOSE THAT ARE LGBT, FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND MY SON WHO HAPPEN TO HAVE A DIFFERENT SEXUAL ORIENTATION? I THINK YOU'RE WRONG. I THINK THAT WE'RE SETTING OURSELVES UP FOR A LAW CASE OF FEDERAL VERSUS STATE LAWS. AND I JUST...I CANNOT EXPRESS TO YOU MY SHOCK THAT WE HAVE TO HERE NOW DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT, BECAUSE OF THE PERSON THAT YOU LOVE, THAT WE NOW HAVE TO...I NOW HAVE TO FIGHT FOR THEIR RIGHT TO HAVE A GUN. THAT TO ME IS THE MOST AMAZING DICHOTOMY THAT I CAN EVEN...COULD EVER HAVE IMAGINED WALKING INTO THIS PLACE.

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BECAUSE NOW SOMETHING THAT I AM NOT A HUGE PROPONENT OF, I BELIEVE THAT THE LGBT PEOPLE THAT ARE SPOUSES OF A MILITARY PERSON SERVING OUR COUNTRY HAVE EVERY RIGHT THAT EVERY OTHER PERSON HAS, AND THAT INCLUDES THE RIGHT, IF THEY WANT TO UNDER THIS LAW, TO GO AND GET A GUN AND BE CONSIDERED A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE. AND I BELIEVE THAT SOON THE SUPREME COURT WILL DECIDE THIS WHOLE ISSUE AND WE WILL NOT HAVE TO LOOK FOOLISH AS NEBRASKANS ARGUING THIS ISSUE ABOUT PEOPLE'S RIGHTS, PEOPLE WHO ARE BORN IN OUR COUNTRY AND THEIR EQUAL RIGHTS TO LIFE, LIBERTY, AND JUSTICE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR PANSING BROOKS. SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, SENATOR PANSING BROOKS. THANK YOU, SENATOR SCHUMACHER. IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT SENATOR SCHUMACHER HAD TO DRAFT AND OFFER THE AMENDMENT THAT HE'S OFFERING. WHO IN HERE WOULD SAY THAT A VOTE HAS TO BE TAKEN BY THE BONEHEADED PEOPLE IN AMERICA AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SOMEBODY WEARING A MILITARY UNIFORM CAN GO RISK HER LIFE IN A COUNTRY INHABITED BY PEOPLE SPEAKING A LANGUAGE SHE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND, A COUNTRY THAT HAS CUSTOMS SHE KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT, A COUNTRY WHERE BY SIGHT ALONE SHE CANNOT DISTINGUISH THE ENEMY FROM THE ALLY? HOW MANY OF THOSE WOMEN HAD TO WITHSTAND A VOTE BEFORE SHE COULD CARRY THAT GUN FOR YOU ALL AND YOUR RIGHTS? THEN YOU'LL SIT HERE POMPOUSLY, LIKE SENATOR KINTNER, AND INDICATE BY HIS ATTITUDE AND HIS WORDS THAT THESE, IN EFFECT, ARE NOT PERSONS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION. THERE WAS A MAN WHO BELONGED TO A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO WERE HATED, AND THERE WERE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY WHO THOUGHT THEY SHOULD BE EXTERMINATED EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE THE FIRST ONES HERE. SOME PEOPLE FIND WHAT THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED MEMBERS OF THE ISLAMIC STATE...AND FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE, ISIS STANDS FOR ISLAMIC STATE IN SYRIA. THEY HAVE EXPANDED THEIR SCOPE AND IT'S ISIL--ISLAMIC STATE AND THE LEVANT--WHICH ARE COUNTRIES AROUND AND IN THE AREA OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA. PEOPLE USE TERMS AND SLOGANS AND DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN. BUT THEY CAN CERTAINLY PAY ENOUGH ATTENTION TO SAY, I HATE YOU AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET THE RIGHTS THAT EVERYBODY ELSE HAS. OH, BUT BY THE WAY, I'LL LET YOU GO OVER THERE AND CARRY A GUN AND RISK YOUR LIFE. AND THEN THEY TALK ABOUT THINGS BEING DONE THE NEBRASKA WAY. EVERY TIME I HEAR THAT, IT'S LIKE SOMEBODY DRAGGING THEIR FINGERNAILS ACROSS A CHALKBOARD. IT GRATES ON ME. THE NEBRASKA WAY, BASED ON MY EXPERIENCES AND

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WHAT I OBSERVE HERE, IS THE WORST POSSIBLE WAY ANYTHING COULD BE DONE. NEBRASKA IS MARKED BY HATRED, RACIST ATTITUDES, DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES, AND THEY PUT IT IN THEIR LAWS AND THEY SANCTIFY IT IN THEIR CONSTITUTION. THEN THEY WANT TO PRETEND THAT THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT LIVING IN NEBRASKA THAT SOMEHOW ELEVATES YOU ABOVE THE REST OF HUMANITY. AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK SENATOR SCHUMACHER...I'M DEALING WITH HIM AS A SENATOR NOW BECAUSE I'M ASKING, CAN I BORROW HIS PORTABLE GADGET. MAY I BORROW YOUR PORTABLE GADGET, SENATOR, BECAUSE I WANT TO READ THIS AMENDMENT? WHEN YOU GO TO PAGE 3, IN LINE 4, AFTER THE WORD "SECTION,"...IN CASE YOU'RE FOLLOWING ME, I WILL LET YOU LOCATE THAT. THE EXISTING LANGUAGE THAT IS NEW, "THE SPOUSE OF SUCH APPLICANT SHALL ALSO BE CONSIDERED A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION," THEN SENATOR SCHUMACHER'S LANGUAGE, "AS SHALL A PERSON RECEIVING THE BENEFITS... [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...OF A SPOUSE OF A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES UNDER THE LAW OF THE UNITED STATES." WE'VE GOT TO PUT THAT PROVISIO IN IT TO SAY THAT THIS IS THE TOUCH THAT MAKES THIS INDIVIDUAL A FULL-FLEDGED HUMAN BEING UNDER THE LAWS OF NEBRASKA. AND HERE I AM, NOT WANTING TO SEE ANOTHER GUN IN THE HANDS OF ANOTHER PERSON, HAVING TO ARGUE, AS SENATOR PANSING BROOKS POINTED OUT, FOR THE RIGHT OF PEOPLE TO DO THE VERY THING THAT I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANYBODY DO. BUT IF I'M FOR THE LAW, THEN I HAVE TO SUPPORT THAT LAW BEING APPLIED TO EVERYBODY. AND IF YOU VOTE THIS INTO THE LAW, IT IS THE LAW. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. I HAVE IN MY HAND HERE A COPY OF THE SCHUMACHER AMENDMENT, WHILE I STILL DON'T THINK IT NECESSARY BECAUSE ALL MY BILL DOES IS EXTEND THE RIGHTS TO THE SPOUSE. IT DOESN'T DEFINE WHO THE SPOUSE IS OR WHETHER THE SPOUSE SHOULD BE OF A CERTAIN COLOR OR A CERTAIN BELIEF OR GAY OR STRAIGHT OR ANY OF THE OTHER TERMS WE WANT TO USE TO DETERMINE SEXUALITY, BUT IF THIS AMENDMENT MAKES SENATOR CHAMBERS AND SENATOR SCHUMACHER FEEL BETTER, WHILE I WILL NOT VOTE FOR IT, I WILL NOT VERBALLY OPPOSE IT EITHER. I DON'T THINK THE AMENDMENT REALLY DOES ANYTHING, BUT IF IT MAKES EVERYBODY FEEL BETTER, SO BE IT. THANK YOU. [LB190]

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PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR BLOOMFIELD. SENATOR KINTNER.
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SENATOR KINTNER: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. THIS IS A PRETTY SIMPLE BILL. WE'RE SPENDING AN AWFUL LOT OF TIME ON IT. IF THE...IF IT PASSED AS IS, WITHOUT THE AMENDMENT, WE PASS IT, WORST CASE SCENARIO IS IT GOES TO COURT AND A JUDGE DEFINES, DO WE TAKE THE FEDERAL DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE OR NEBRASKA DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE? I MEAN, IT'S NOT...BIG A THING. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE SOME...IT'S NOT THAT HUGE OF AN ISSUE. IT'S NOT THAT BIG. AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, I WANT EVERYONE TO CARRY A FIREARM WHO WANTS TO CARRY A FIREARM, AND I THINK EVERYONE HAS THAT RIGHT BY SECOND AMENDMENT. AND JUST LET ME JUST SAY THIS ABOUT GAY RIGHTS. WE BRING IT UP EVERY ONCE...SOME PEOPLE GET VERY, VERY WORKED UP ABOUT IT. I GOT TO TELL YOU, WHO SOMEONE HAS A RELATIONSHIP WITH IS NONE OF MY BUSINESS. I REALLY DON'T WANT TO KNOW. HETEROSEXUAL OR OTHERWISE, IT JUST DOESN'T...IT'S JUST NOT MY BUSINESS. IT'S REALLY NOT THE GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS. I WOULDN'T KNOW IF SOMEBODY WAS GAY UNLESS THEY CAME UP AND TOLD ME. IT'S JUST NOT AN ISSUE ON THIS AND I DON'T THINK, YOU KNOW, THE PEOPLE MAY...IN NEBRASKA, FOR THE MOST PART, CARE THAT MUCH ABOUT. TO SIT AROUND AND SAY YOU'RE EMBARRASSED BY NEBRASKA, YOU'RE EMBARRASSED BY THE PEOPLE IN OUR STATE, HEY, JUST BECAUSE PEOPLE HAVE BELIEFS THAT DIFFER FROM YOU, I MEAN, REALLY? REALLY? IS IT THAT BAD OF A STATE? I MEAN, I WONDER, YOU KNOW, WHY YOU'RE LIVING HERE IF IT'S THAT BAD OF A STATE. THERE'S CERTAINLY OTHER STATES THAT SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY THAN NEBRASKA, BUT I LIKE THE NEBRASKA WAY. I LIKE THE PEOPLE OF OUR STATE. AND MORE OFTEN THAN RIGHT, THE PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT STATE GET IT RIGHT. THIS AMENDMENT, I THINK, WOULD PROBABLY CLARIFY IT. I MEAN, I DON'T THINK IT'S A MAKE OR BREAK DEAL. I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE SENATORS TO VOTE THEIR CONSCIENCE AND LET'S MOVE ON AND PASS THIS LB190. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR KINTNER. SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, SENATOR KINTNER SHOULD DO STAND-UP COMEDY. SOMETHING HAS NO...IT'S NOT OF ANY SIGNIFICANCE, IT'S UNIMPORTANT, I DON'T EVEN CARE, AFTER HE'S SHOWN BY EVERYTHING HE'S DONE IN THIS LEGISLATURE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO HIM, THAT HE DOES CARE ABOUT WHAT OTHER PEOPLE DO AND HE WILL STICK HIS NOSE INTO THEIR AFFAIRS.

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BUT NOW THAT THE TIDE IS TURNING, HE MOVES AND SHIFTS HIS POSITION, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO LET HIM GET AWAY WITH IT. I'M ON THIS FLOOR. I'VE BEEN SERVING WITH HIM FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. SO WHEN YOU SWITCH YOUR POSITION LIKE THAT AND ALL OF A SUDDEN, COMME CI, COMME CA, IT'S BLASE, IT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING, THAT'S DIFFERENT FROM ALL THAT HE HAS SHOWN HIMSELF TO BE IN THE PAST. BUT REGARDLESS OF HOW HE SHOWS HIMSELF OR ANYBODY ELSE ON THIS FLOOR, I'M GOING TO SPEAK WHEN I THINK I SHOULD. AND I'M GOING TO MESS WITH THIS BILL NOW. AFTER WE GET THROUGH TENDING TO THE BUSINESS OF SENATOR...NOW IT'S BACK TO "PROFESSOR" SCHUMACHER'S AMENDMENT, WHICH I WILL VOTE FOR, I AM GOING TO OFFER AN AMENDMENT THAT'S GOING TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THE DOCTORS, THE LAWYERS, THE POLITICIANS, THE GENETICISTS, THE ASTRONAUTS, THE AQUANAUTS, ALL THE SHIPS AT SEA, ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, BY GIVING THE PROPER TERM THAT OUGHT TO BE APPLIED TO HUMAN BEINGS IN NEBRASKA. NOW YOU KNOW THAT WHEN YOU WENT TO SCHOOL THEY SAID THAT IF YOU ARE A HUMAN BEING, YOU ARE A HOMO...HOMO SAPIENS. WE CAN'T HAVE THAT, NOT IN NEBRASKA. WE'RE GOING TO DO IT THE NEBRASKA WAY. AND THE NEBRASKA WAY IS TO GET RID OF THAT HOMO BUSINESS AND GET DOWN TO HETERO, HETERO. YOU ALL IN NEBRASKA ARE HETERO SAPIENS. YOU'RE NOT HOMO SAPIENS. YOU'RE HETERO SAPIENS. CALL IT LIKE IT IS. WHY SHOULD ANYBODY BE CALLED A HOMO SAPIENS WHEN EVERYTHING IN THIS STATE SUPPOSEDLY IS HETERO? WHY NOT? YOU CALL A ZYGOTE A FULL-FLEDGED HUMAN BEING. WELL, LET'S CALL FULL-FLEDGED HUMAN BEINGS HETERO SAPIENS. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE. AND WHEN WE GET TO AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, POLITICIANS RUN FOR COVER. I WISH I COULD REMEMBER THE NAME OF THIS GROUP WHO SANG A SONG, "DO YOU COME FROM THE LAND DOWN UNDER," BECAUSE THERE'S A LINE IN THE REFRAIN THAT SAYS, "BETTER GO, BETTER RUN FOR COVER." AND THAT'S WHAT THESE PEOPLE DO WHOSE MORAL VALUES SHIFT AS THE DIRECTION OF THE WIND WILL SHIFT. BUT IT TAKES SOMEBODY OR SEVERAL SOMEBODIES WHO ARE WILLING TO STAND AGAINST THE TIDE MOVING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION TO SAY THERE'S GOT TO BE A CHANGE AROUND THIS PLACE. AND WE'LL WORK AT IT AND WORK AT IT AND TRY TO IMPROVE IT. I HAVE ANOTHER LITTLE STORY THAT...IT'S NOT A STORY. IT'S NOT EVEN AN ANECDOTE. IT'S MORE LIKE AN ANALOGY. I AM EQUIPPED WITH VERY POOR TOOLS WHEN IT COMES TO SOLVING BIG PROBLEMS... [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...BUT I CAN'T TURN AWAY FROM THEM. SO MOTHER NATURE TOOK ME TO ONE OF THOSE GIANT SEQUOIA REDWOODS AND SAID, CHAMBERS, I WANT YOU TO FELL THAT TREE. I SAID, BUT, MOTHER NATURE, I DON'T HAVE A SAW. SHE SAYS, I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A FINGERNAIL FILE.

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AND I SAY, YOU WANT ME TO FELL THAT TREE WITH A FINGERNAIL FILE? SHE SAYS, YOU QUESTION ME? GIVE ME THE FILE, FELL IT WITH YOUR FINGERNAIL. THEN I NOW KNOW WHO'S BOSS. YES, MA'AM, I'LL DO THE BEST I CAN WITH WHAT YOU GAVE ME TO WORK WITH. AND I START RUBBING MY FINGERNAIL ON THE TRUNK OF THAT TREE. WHETHER IT FALLS OR NOT, I'M DOING WHAT I CAN TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. AND, SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO SPEAK. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THE NAME OF THAT SONG IS THE "LAND DOWNUNDER," APPROPRIATELY TITLED BY THE MEN AT WORK, MEN AT WORK. I SAW A MAN, HE CAME FROM BRUSSELS, 6-FEET TALL AND FULL OF MUSCLES. I ASKED HIM, "DO YOU SPEAK A MY LANGUAGE?" AND THEN I'M GOING TO SAY THIS THE WAY I WANT TO: HE JUST SMILED AND TOOK A BITE OF MY SANDWICH. YOU'RE FREE TO GIVE LYRICS ANY WAY YOU WANT TO ONCE YOU GET SOME OF THEM RIGHT. I THINK THAT THE LEGISLATURE IS OPERATING AT ITS BEST WHEN GRAPPLING WITH THE SERIOUS ISSUES CONFRONTING SOCIETY, WHICHEVER SIDE A PERSON MAY BE ON. AND WHEN YOU GIVE IT, YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE IT. AND I'M PREPARED TO TAKE IT IN THE SAME WAY THAT I GIVE IT. BUT THESE ISSUES ARE WITH US. THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GO AWAY. AND WE SHOULD NOT TRY TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE LEGISLATURE SOMEHOW IS DISCONNECTED FROM EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON, THAT WE'RE "COCOONIZED," WE'RE IMMUNE TO ALL OF THE ISSUES THAT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE OUR CONSTITUENTS, WHOM WE CLAIM TO BE REPRESENTING, HAVE TO CONTEND WITH. HOW ARE WE GOING TO REPRESENT THOSE WHOM WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND? HOW ARE WE GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF THOSE WHOSE PROBLEMS WE WILL DENY EXIST? AND WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE ARE WE WHO SAY, I'LL MAKE THE PROBLEMS GO AWAY BY TURNING MY BACK ON THOSE PROBLEMS? I WAS TALKING TO SOME YOUNG CHILDREN. AND THEY GO ALONG WITH WHAT YOU TRY TO GET THEM TO DO. SO I GAVE A SIMPLE LITTLE EXAMPLE OF MAGIC. I...UNLIKE SOME OF THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE A LOT OF MONEY IN THEIR POCKET, I PULLED A QUARTER OUT OF MY POCKET AND A DIME. I SAID, SEE THIS QUARTER, SEE THIS DIME. I'M GOING TO PUT THEM BOTH OF THEM IN MY POCKET. THEN I PULL OUT THE DIME. I SAID, I TURNED THAT QUARTER INTO THIS DIME. THEN I PULL OUT THE QUARTER AND I SAY, I TURNED THAT DIME INTO THIS QUARTER. AND LITTLE KIDS JUST LOOK. I SAY, NOW THAT'S REALLY NOT ANYTHING. BUT I AM GOING TO SHOW YOU HOW TO MAKE EVERYBODY IN THIS ROOM DISAPPEAR, BUT YOU GOT TO CLOSE YOUR EYES FIRST. YOU THERE, CLOSE YOUR EYES. THEY CLOSED THEIR EYES. CAN YOU SEE ANYBODY? NO. I SAY EVERYBODY IN THE ROOM DISAPPEARED, DIDN'T THEY?

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THEN I TELL THEM, LISTEN TO WHAT PEOPLE TELL YOU. IT MAY NOT BE MAGIC AT ALL. BUT PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT THEY SAY. AND WHAT THEY SAY CAN BE TRUE AND NOT TRUE AT THE SAME TIME. IF YOU DON'T SEE THEM, THEN THERE'S NO APPEARANCE OF THEM. BUT THEY HAVEN'T DISAPPEARED IN THE SENSE OF HAVING VANISHED. YOU CONTROL WHAT IS SEEN AND NOT SEEN BY YOU, YOURSELF. YOU LET YOUR EYELIDS FALL OVER YOUR EYES, EVERYTHING IS NO LONGER VISIBLE. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THE WORLD IS NO LONGER OUT THERE. BUT IF YOU WANT TO GET REAL DEEP, YOU DON'T KNOW WHETHER THE WORLD IS OUT THERE AFTER YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES OR NOT, BECAUSE WHILE YOUR EYES ARE CLOSED THE WHOLE WORLD COULD HAVE, IN FACT, VANISHED. AND IF YOU RAISE YOUR EYELID TO PEEK, THEN THAT'S WHAT MADE THE WORLD COME BACK. AND YOU GO ON AND ON LIKE THAT TO ENGAGE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINDS. WHEN WE'RE HERE IN THIS LEGISLATURE, LET'S NOT USE SLEIGHT OF HAND. I'VE TOLD THIS BEFORE AND I'M GOING TO TELL IT AGAIN. FORMER SENATOR RAIKES, WHO UNFORTUNATELY LEFT THIS EARTH, AN UNKIND FATE INTERVENED AND TOOK HIM AWAY, WAS DOWN AT THE CAFETERIA... [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...AND ONE OF THE SENATORS, EXPRESSING HIS RACISM, HIS ANIMOSITY TOWARD GAYS, AS THEY CALLED THEM, BECAUSE I HAD A BILL PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEOPLE BASED ON ORIENTATION AND THIS SENATOR SAID, THESE GAY--HE USED ONE OF THOSE DEROGATORY WORDS--THEY'RE TAKING OVER EVERYTHING. THEY'RE TAKING OVER EVERYTHING. AND SENATOR RAIKES SAID, OH, WE ARE? AND WHEN HE SAID THAT, THE GUY FELL DOWN INTO HIS SHOES. SENATOR RAIKES TAUGHT AN OBJECT LESSON. AND SOMETIMES THAT'S WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO TO PULL PEOPLE UP SHORT. BUT I'M SUPPORTING "PROFESSOR" SCHUMACHER'S AMENDMENT. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR SCHUMACHER, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO CLOSE ON FA8 TO LB190. [LB190]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE BODY. I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE BODY TO VOTE YES TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT IN NEBRASKA THE SECOND AMENDMENT IS FOR EVERYBODY. THANK YOU. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE CLOSING ON FA8. THE QUESTION...SENATOR CHAMBERS FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO YOU RISE? [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (MICROPHONE MALFUNCTION)...AND WE CAN TAKE A

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MACHINE VOTE. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THERE'S BEEN A REQUEST TO PLACE A CALL OF THE HOUSE. THE QUESTION IS, SHALL THE HOUSE GO UNDER CALL? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; ALL THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. RECORD PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB190]

ASSISTANT CLERK: 31 AYES, 4 NAYS TO GO UNDER CALL, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB190]

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. SENATOR MURANTE, PLEASE RETURN TO THE FLOOR AND RECORD YOUR PRESENCE. THE HOUSE IS UNDER CALL. ALL SENATORS ARE PRESENT. MR. CLERK, PLEASE PROCEED TO A ROLL CALL VOTE. EXCUSE ME, MR. CLERK. THERE'S BEEN A REQUEST FOR MACHINE VOTE. THE QUESTION IS THE ADOPTION OF FA8 TO LB190. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. HAVE YOU ALL VOTED? RECORD PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB190]

ASSISTANT CLERK: 38 AYES, 0 NAYS ON THE ADOPTION OF SENATOR SCHUMACHER'S AMENDMENT, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. FA8 IS ADOPTED. THE CALL IS LIFTED. RETURNING NOW TO DEBATE ON LB190. SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, I'M NOT GOING TO VOTE FOR THIS BILL. I AM OPPOSED TO BILLS THAT ALLOW THE PROLIFERATION OF GUNS. THE ADOPTION OF SENATOR SCHUMACHER'S AMENDMENT TAKES AWAY PART OF THE BAD TASTE, SO I WILL AT THIS STAGE NOT OFFER ANY MORE MOTIONS OR AMENDMENTS, BUT I CANNOT VOTE FOR THIS BILL. MAYBE SENATOR...NO, I WON'T PUT IT ON SENATOR BLOOMFIELD. BUT SEE, NOW IF THESE TWO SPOUSES ARE FAR AWAY FROM WHERE THEY LIVE ORDINARILY, AND THEY GET INTO AN ARGUMENT, BOTH OF THEM NOW WILL BE EQUALLY WELL ARMED WHEN THE SHOOTING STARTS. IT'S JUST A BALANCE OF POWER NOW. AND MAYBE IF EVERYBODY HAS THE MEANS OF DESTROYING THE WORLD, THERE WILL BE PEACE ON EARTH, NOT BASED ON GOODWILL. SO AS LONG AS THE SOVIET UNION HAS NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THE UNITED STATES HAS NUCLEAR WEAPONS, PAKISTAN HAS NUCLEAR WEAPONS, INDIA HAS NUCLEAR WEAPONS, ISRAEL HAS NUCLEAR WEAPONS, FRANCE, GERMANY, AND WHO ALL ELSE, THERE CANNOT BE PEACE, BUT

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THERE CAN BE A BALANCE OF TERROR. AND ALL THE WORLD HAS TO HOPE IS THAT IN NONE OF THESE COUNTRIES WHERE NUCLEAR WEAPONS WILL BE FOUND, WILL THERE ALSO BE FOUND A PERSON WHO IS MAD AND HAS CONTROL OF WHATEVER MECHANISM THAT COUNTRY MAKES USE OF TO UNLEASH THAT NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST. SO IF YOU CREATE A MICROCOSM AND LET IT BE THE HOME WHERE PEOPLE LIVE, AND EVERYBODY IS EQUALLY AFRAID OF EVERYBODY ELSE, THERE MAY BE AN UNEASY, THERE MAY BE A TENSE, THERE MAY BE A TROUBLED, BUT THERE WILL BE PEACE IF THE WORD SIMPLY MEANS THE ABSENCE OF ACTIVE HOSTILITIES. WHEN THERE ARE GUNS READILY AVAILABLE, ARGUMENTS WHICH WOULD HAVE ENDED IN HURT FEELINGS, MAY END IN A DEATH OR A MUTILATION AND SOMEBODY GOING TO PRISON. SO YOU CAN PASS A BILL TO PUT MORE GUNS INTO THE HANDS OF MORE PEOPLE, BUT IT MAY BE SOMETHING THAT WILL BE REGRETTABLE AND LEAD TO PEOPLE HAVING REGRETS ABOUT HAVING PASSED A BILL LIKE THIS. AND IT WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE THEN, BUT SOME MIGHT HAVE A MEMORY LONG ENOUGH TO SAY, IF WE JUST HADN'T PASSED THAT BILL. BUT THAT'S NOT THE WAY POLITICIANS THINK. OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK SENATOR BLOOMFIELD A QUESTION. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, WOULD YOU YIELD? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: YES, I WOULD. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, IS THIS THE FIRST TIME YOU HAVE OFFERED THIS BILL? [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: NO. I OFFERED THIS BILL LAST YEAR AND I'VE GIVEN ALL THE CREDIT TO... [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: ...SENATOR ASHFORD FOR BOTTLING IT UP IN COMMITTEE, BUT I THINK YOU PROBABLY HAD A HAND IN THAT AS WELL. [LB190]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: IF I DID, I'M SO PROUD. I WISH I COULD HAVE DONE IT THIS TIME, BUT I DIDN'T, BUT I JUST WONDERED ABOUT THIS. THANK YOU, THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO ASK. AND I WILL NOT PROLONG THE DISCUSSION BECAUSE THE OUTCOME WAS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION. BUT I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO VOTE AGAINST IT. AND WHEN WE GET TO SELECT FILE, I MAY HAVE A THING OR TWO IN ADDITION TO SAY. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB190]

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PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR MURANTE, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB190]

SENATOR MURANTE: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE. WOULD SENATOR SCHUMACHER PLEASE YIELD TO A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS? [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR SCHUMACHER, WOULD YOU YIELD? [LB190]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: YES, I WILL. [LB190]

SENATOR MURANTE: THANK YOU, SENATOR SCHUMACHER. I HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS FOR YOU REGARDING WHAT WE JUST DID WITH THAT PREVIOUS AMENDMENT OF YOURS. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, AND PLEASE CORRECT ME IF I AM INCORRECT, THE STANDARD BY WHICH WE WILL BE USING WHETHER OR NOT TO GIVE A SPOUSE A CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT OR TO AUTHORIZE THEM TO GO DOWN THE PROCESS OF GETTING ONE, WILL NOW BE BASED ON WHETHER THAT MILITARY FAMILY IS RECEIVING BENEFITS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. IS THAT CORRECT? [LB190]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: WHETHER THE SPOUSE IS RECEIVING BENEFITS OF A SPOUSE AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL: HEALTH INSURANCE, FILING JOINT RETURNS, THINGS OF THAT NATURE. [LB190]

SENATOR MURANTE: AND AT THE PRESENT, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, I BELIEVE THROUGH EXECUTIVE ORDER, BUT PLEASE CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG ON THAT, IS RECOGNIZING SAME-SEX MARRIAGES FOR THE PURPOSES OF GIVING BENEFITS. IS THAT CORRECT? [LB190]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: RIGHT. [LB190]

SENATOR MURANTE: SO WE JUST...IF WE PASS LB190, WE WILL BE GIVING A BENEFIT AND RECOGNITION, BASED ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL, TO SAME-SEX MARRIAGES. IS THAT CORRECT? [LB190]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: NO. [LB190]

SENATOR MURANTE: WHY IS THAT? [LB190]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: BECAUSE WE ARE SIMPLY SAYING IF THEY ARE RECEIVING THE BENEFITS OF A SPOUSE UNDER FEDERAL LAW, THEY HAVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS. WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE, WE DON'T GET

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INTO THE ISSUE OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE A SPOUSE OR RECOGNIZING THEIR MARRIAGE. WE'RE SIMPLY SETTING A STANDARD THAT IF UNDER THE FEDERAL LAW THEY ARE NOT MARRIED BUT RECEIVING THE BENEFITS, THEN WE CONSIDER THEM ELIGIBLE TO EXERCISE THEIR SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS. [LB190]

SENATOR MURANTE: THAT SEEMS LIKE A DISTINCTION WITHOUT A DIFFERENCE. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING MARRIED...BEING RECOGNIZED AS BEING MARRIED AND RECEIVING THE BENEFITS OF BEING MARRIED? [LB190]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: IN ONE CASE YOU MIGHT BE MARRIED AND THE OTHER CASE NOT. [LB190]

SENATOR MURANTE: IN WHAT INSTANCE WOULD A PERSON NOT BE MARRIED BUT RECEIVE THE BENEFITS FOR BEING MARRIED? [LB190]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: IF...I BELIEVE THAT'S THE INSTANCE UNDER THE FEDERAL LAW. THEY ARE RECEIVING THE BENEFITS OF A SPOUSE WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE MARRIED UNDER STATE LAW OR NOT. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOESN'T MARRY PEOPLE. STATE MARRIES PEOPLE. BUT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN GRANT THE BENEFITS OF BEING MARRIED, AS FAR AS ITS PENSION PROGRAMS AND THINGS LIKE THAT, TO ANYBODY IT WANTS TO, AND IN THIS CASE HAS BY EXECUTIVE ORDER. [LB190]

SENATOR MURANTE: SO WHEN A...AND I'M NOT ATTEMPTING TO MAKE A JUDGMENT ON THE PROPRIETY OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE OR NOT. I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHETHER WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE IS A RECOGNITION OF A SAME-SEX MARRIAGE. SO IF WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE IS...IF A PERSON IN A RECOGNIZED SAME-SEX...WHEN A PERSON GOES TO GET A CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT AND THEY ARE THE SPOUSE OF A PERSON WHO IS...OR RECEIVING THE BENEFITS OF A MARRIED COUPLE, HOW DO THEY...HOW IS THAT DISTINCT FROM WHEN THE PERSON IS GRANT...WHEN THE CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT IS BEING GRANTED? HOW IS THAT NOT A RECOGNITION BY THE STATE THAT THEY ARE MARRIED? [LB190]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: THEY AREN'T ASKED IF THEY'RE THE SPOUSE. THEY ARE ASKED IF THEY'RE RECEIVING THE BENEFITS OF A SPOUSE UNDER FEDERAL LAW. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB190]

SENATOR MURANTE: OKAY. I THINK I SEE WHAT YOU ARE SAYING, SENATOR

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SCHUMACHER. I'M CONCERNED, AS I SAID, THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A DISTINCTION WITHOUT A DIFFERENCE. I DO TEND TO AGREE WITH SENATOR PANSING BROOKS' INTERPRETATION. WE WERE ACTUALLY TALKING ABOUT THIS OVER HERE THAT THIS MAY BE A PROVISION OF OUR STATE CONSTITUTION THAT IS THROWN OUT BEFORE THE BILL EVEN BECOMES OPERATIVE, SO IT MAY KIND OF BE A MOOT POINT. BUT UNTIL THAT TIME, IT SEEMS TO ME LIKE THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE MAY HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENT TO ACCOMPLISH THE ENDS. BECAUSE REALLY, BY THE TIME THIS BILL BECOMES OPERATIVE, WE AREN'T GOING TO HAVE THAT CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION ANYMORE. [LB190]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: THE FIRST THING YOU LEARN IN LAW SCHOOL IS NEVER PREDICT A COURT. AND WHAT MADE THE AMENDMENT NECESSARY IS THE AMBIGUITY THAT OUR DEBATE TOOK WHEN SENATOR BLOOMFIELD SAID INITIALLY THAT THIS... [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: TIME, SENATORS. [LB190]

SENATOR MURANTE: THANK YOU. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR PANSING BROOKS, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. [LB190]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. SENATOR SCHUMACHER, JUST TO CLARIFY WHAT I FIRST LEARNED IN LAW SCHOOL, IT WAS TO NEVER BE AT THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME. BUT I DO AGREE THAT WHAT YOU SAY IS ALSO TRUE. WE CAN NEVER PREDICT A COURT. I GUESS I JUST WANTED TO EXPLAIN TO MY COLLEAGUES, MOMENTARILY, WHY I DID NOT VOTE FOR THAT AMENDMENT OF SENATOR SCHUMACHER'S. AND SO IF YOU JUST LET ME A MOMENT, THE PROBLEM WITH IT IS TO ME THAT WE HAVE TO CLARIFY THE WORD "SPOUSE." AND THAT JUST GOES AGAINST THE WHOLE GRAIN OF EVERYTHING I BELIEVE IN. IT GOES AGAINST MY FAITH. IT GOES AGAINST MY BELIEF IN SOCIETY. IT GOES AGAINST THE LAWS THAT I THINK THAT WE CREATE. AND SO BECAUSE OF THAT, BECAUSE OF THE TIME THAT WE'RE IN RIGHT NOW, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PERSONS OF...AND THEIR SEXUAL ORIENTATION, OUR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS, FAMILY. AND SO I JUST...I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT IF WE HAD BEEN TALKING ABOUT A DECADE AGO OR TWO DECADES AGO, WE WOULD BE TALKING ABOUT WOMEN BECAUSE MOSTLY WE HAD THE ARGUMENT ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT WOMEN COULD BE MILITARY OFFICERS. AND SO, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN SAYING, WELL, DOES A SPOUSE INCLUDE A MAN, COULD IT POSSIBLY INCLUDE A MAN? AND YOU GO BACK A LITTLE FURTHER AND WE WOULD HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE

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RIGHTS OF BIRACIAL PEOPLE. AND BEFORE THAT WE WOULD HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT, AND NOT NECESSARILY IN THIS ORDER, NATIVE-AMERICANS AND AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND POLISH PEOPLE AND JAPANESE PEOPLE AND PEOPLE OF ITALIAN HERITAGE. AND, OF COURSE, PEOPLE OF THE JEWISH FAITH AND PEOPLE WHO ARE ALSO...WHO ARE MENTALLY DISABLED. SO WE CAN GO ON AND CLARIFY EXACTLY WHAT WE MEAN BY SPOUSE IN EVERY DECADE AS WE DETERMINE AND AS OUR POLITICS CHANGE. BUT I WOULD JUST HOPE THAT WE DO NOT HAVE TO CONTINUE TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION. YOU KNOW, IF YOU LOOK BACK, RIGHT NOW THERE'S A FAMOUS MOVIE OUT, THE IMITATION GAME. AND IN THAT CASE, A GAY MAN BROKE THE ENIGMA CODE WHICH MANY PEOPLE, MANY HISTORIANS SAY SHORTENED WORLD WAR II BY TWO YEARS. SO...BUT HE NEVER GOT ANY CREDIT FOR THAT AT THAT TIME. AND ACTUALLY, THE STATE THEN ATTEMPTED, BECAUSE HE WAS GAY, ATTEMPTED TO STERILIZE HIM, AND HE WENT CRAZY AND DIED FROM SOME OF THAT. SO I JUST...I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT EVERY DECADE WE'RE GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT SOME NEW EXCLUSION, SOMEBODY WHO IS NOT WHOM WE ARE, SOMEBODY WHO IS NOT IN POWER, WHO DOES NOT HAVE A VOICE TO BE ABLE TO STAND UP AND SAY, HEY, ME TOO, MEMBER, BORN IN THIS UNITED STATES. I AM BORN HERE, I'M NATURALIZED HERE, I'M A RESIDENT OF A STATE. I DESERVE THE EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAWS. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR PANSING BROOKS. SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO CLOSE ON THE ADVANCE OF LB190. [LB190]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. COLLEAGUES, I INTRODUCED A SIMPLE LITTLE BILL TO EXTEND SOME RIGHTS THAT WE GIVE SERVICE PERSONNEL TO THEIR SPOUSE. IN THE LAST THREE HOURS, WE'VE HAD A SERMON OR EXTENDED DEBATE, WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE TO CALL IT. WE'VE DISCUSSED THE GOVERNOR'S SISTER, HOMO SAPIENS VERSUS HETERO SAPIENS, MAGIC, THE IDEA THAT CLOSING YOUR EYES IS MAGIC. WE'VE DISCUSSED NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WORLD POWERS, AND BALANCE IN TERROR, NONE OF WHICH ARE IN THE BILL. THERE WERE 34, I BELIEVE, MAYBE 35 COLLEAGUES THAT SIGNED ON TO THIS BILL. IF THIS DEBATE OR DISCUSSION OR JUST UTTERANCES OF WORDS HAVE CAUSED ANY OF YOU CONCERNS ABOUT THIS BILL, THERE IS A PROCESS. AS YOU SIGNED ON, YOU CAN AS EQUALLY REMOVE YOUR SUPPORT. IF YOU FEEL THAT NEED, YOU ARE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO ME TO SUPPORT THIS BILL. I THINK THE BILL IS GOOD IN WHAT IT INTENDS TO DO, AND IN WHAT IT DOES, AND DESPITE THE HYPERBOLE THAT WE HAVE HEARD USED AGAINST IT, NEEDS TO BE PASSED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. LET'S PASS THIS AND SEE IF WE CAN POSSIBLY DO SOMETHING ELSE TODAY. THANK YOU. [LB190]

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PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR BLOOMFIELD. SENATORS, YOU'VE HEARD THE DEBATE AND THE CLOSING ON LB190 AND THE QUESTION IS, SHALL LB190 ADVANCE TO E&R INITIAL? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. HAVE YOU ALL VOTED? RECORD PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB190]

ASSISTANT CLERK: (RECORD VOTE READ, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 381.) VOTE IS 37 AYES, 4 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB190]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. LB190 DOES ADVANCE. MR. CLERK. [LB190]

ASSISTANT CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, SOME ITEMS FOR THE RECORD. SENATOR GARRETT WOULD ASK TO ADD HIS NAME TO LB288, AND SENATOR DAVIS TO LB231. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 382.) [LB288 LB231]

I DO HAVE A PRIORITY MOTION. SENATOR SCHEER WOULD MOVE TO ADJOURN UNTIL WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015, AT 9:00 A.M.

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