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SENATOR DICKINSON: Just so Senator Chambers wouldn't have to worry his mind thinking up new amendments I yield him my ten minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you Senator Dickinson. I accept.

PRESIDENT: Well I had not recognized Senator Dickinson in his own right, only to accept your time, cause he's not first on the list.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Very well then. I'll sit down. Whoever else is on the list can speak.

PRESIDENT: Fine, thank you Senator. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. There's been a lot of talk about morality. I want to tell you about a robbery that just occurred that you have witnessed. It costs about \$3,800,000 a year to run this Legislature. The people of Nebraska expect us to come here and not act like a bunch of clown and act like adults. If anybody in this room thinks we're not being abused, I find that difficult to believe. I think it's customary for gentlemen and legislators to decide the issues and decide them on their merits. Every minute this body is in operation, every minute that you're sitting here it's costing. It's costing the people out there thousands of dollars. We have a time limitation. If, when we fail following the normal procedures and the normal channels in our endeavors and, we then resort to childish tricks to steal opportunities for the rest of the Legislature to decide the issues, then we become thieves.

Mr. President, I ask the bill be bracketed until Monday for the first order of business on General File. Never on this floor have I tried to filibuster bills to death. I made my kill motions. I either succeeded or failed and that's the way most of the "legislators" operate here.

Look up at the calendar, 19 days. Every man in this room has important issues that he wants to decide and that hundreds of thousands of people are waiting to have the decisions on. If you think it isn't stealing and cheating to take that opportunity away in a childish fashion, then you're not looking at the whole picture.

I ask unanimous consent to bracket it for the first order of business on General File on Monday.

PRESIDENT: Is there an objection? There is an objection.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I move that the bill be bracketed for the first order of business on General File on Monday.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I think it's a reasonable request at this point.