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Yes, I am saying you don't understand it. I am saying you don't understand what the law of Nebraska is as far as liability, where an injury results from a defective product. I am saying you don't know the difference between strict liability and absolute liability. I am saying you don't know the difference between a statute of limitations and a statute of repose. That is what I am saying. And I feel that unless you are able to stand up here and say that you understand all those things, then you ought not let Senator DeCamp misrepresent your position and others who have not jumped on a bandwagon which may turn out to be a fool's parade or part of a fool's parade, you ought not do it now. We are supposed to be a body of deliberative individuals who think and seriously consider what we do. That is what I am going to do this session and I am going to do all in my power to have the rest of you do it, too, or do everything I can to embarrass you and call your hand everytime you pretend that you have got something in it. What I would like to see, I imagine, is a bill go to a committee with 48 signatures on it. Mine will not be there. Then we will find out, as the issue progresses, how many people who are running for office have also asked these manufacturers and sales people to give them money in their campaign. Senator DeCamp knows how much money was produced as a result of the medical malpractice bill. When you find gold in those...right, take note of that, you should have taken note of some of the other things, too, and don't tell me it is better to light a little candle this time, I want you to deal with the issues. When you see gold in the hills and it is very close to the surface, that is where you go and politicians want money. Politicians will do anything for money. Politicians will even sign their name to a bill that they don't understand. So I am going to watch those who flocked to the front to sign that bill hoping that they will get some of that money also and I will get an idea and an indication of what this session is going to be like. But as for me, Senator DeCamp and others, give me liberty from this type of improper conduct or give my political career death. That is a paraphrase.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: There are no further speakers, are there?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR DeCAMP: How many more?

PRESIDENT: There is one, so far.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, Mr. President, all we are talking about at this particular moment in time is the introduction of a bill, the introduction of a bill. An idea, an idea to be proposed for the Legislature to look at and say, hey, is this right or wrong, good or bad, do we need to change it? And what do we get? We get the same old tirade. We are off and running like we have for I don't know how many years. We all already know that all doctors are crooked. We have been lectured on that. We know that they are all crooked. All manufacturers are crooked. All lawyers are crooked. Every member of the Legislature

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