

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm going to debate the bill if you bring it up this morning. But I say again, the reason I asked, Friday, for the bracketing was because time is needed. There are a number of substantial changes made throughout various aspects of the law by the language in LB 665. I have to declare unreadiness. Apparently, all of you are ready. So if Senator DeCamp will not answer my questions, or cannot, I will turn to some of the other co-sponsors.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think we find ourselves, this morning, in a very serious situation, one that I think we need to stop and think twice before we move forward. I appreciate everything that has happened in the past, as I am sure everyone else has. We know that everything that was done was done within the boundaries of our operation. Those of us here who now feel that we should have done something Friday, did not, are looking back with 20-20 vision. I don't think we should look at personalities, or the disagreements between personalities, but let's look at the measure as the measure is, whether it's good or whether it's bad. Let's proceed from that point. I think it's our responsibility, as Legislators representing the State of Nebraska, to move in that direction. If the bill needs debating, which I'm sure that it might very well and I'm sure Senator Chambers has good points that he needs to make, but it's from those points and those points that are made for the bill that we should make our judgements and not make judgements on personalities. That is my personal opinion. I hope that the body will look at those points when they make their decision. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Would you close, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, that is all I have ever asked of the body is that they vote on issues and the merits of those issues and their sincere and honest belief on an issue, and not on personalities. If you'll note, in my opinion, I addressed myself to an attack on me, personally. That is all I did. In the attack I tried to refute it and point out that I do not believe in this conduct and had not used this type of tactic, and will not. As for my being upset about what Senator Chambers did or used a rule, you'll note my only comment on that was simply the action speaks for itself. That is it. The action speaks for itself. Nothing I can say can make it better or make it worse. You know what we did before that, we debated the issue. You heard the tape. You know how it was handled. I merely, by playing the tape, refuted, I think rather clearly, the portion in this poem directed at me that says there was an ample opportunity for somebody to object. You can make your own judgement. You heard the tape. You were here. You know what occurred. I believe this is the time to take up the products liability bill. It is a complex issue. It's a major issue for the state. Senator Chambers, I'm sure, may have some questions. I'm sure, also, that Senator Chambers, who held repeated hearings throughout the summer on the issue, has a lot of knowledge and information he can offer if he chooses to do so. As to whether every member or sponsor of a bill is going to know the bill inside and out, we all know that is not true. We support concepts. And very frequently, regularly, a committee will have one person who is most knowledgeable or worked in an area, handle the bill and address the questions. I urge you to take up the matter by your vote, directing the Speaker to take it up now.