

that our Governor was in Omaha this week, addressing the Omaha Symphony and he made the following remarks, "Kerrey told the audience he was glad to honor a request to take part in the symphony's salute to animals in a performance of "Carnival of Animals." "My response was, when the Legislature is in session that all I do is participate in a carnival of animals." I am having the article passed out and put on your desks. To the Governor, this remark offends me. He owes us an apology.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Chambers, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'm expressing great sorrow about what Governor Kerrey said because he is a better man than that.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator. Do you rise for a point of personal privilege?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Point of personal privilege.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, state your point.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: He is a decent man. He, ordinarily, is an honorable man but, as Senator Beutler indicated, it seems that governors are unable to resist those cheap shots at the Legislature. They should realize that this is not an impersonal entity. There are people who make up this Legislature. I have used words that may have seemed to flay the hide off individuals in here, but we are dealing back and forth, give and take. What the Governor did was on a par, if not worse, than what Mr. Reagan, as President, did when he said keep the grain and export the farmers. The Governor was very offended by that, as he should have been because something which might be funny when everybody is well off is not funny when somebody is an extremist. Having just experienced, at the hands of the President, a very ill-advised remark, I think it is sorrowful that the Governor would say what he said. I think what Senator Johnson suggested about the Governor apologizing is probably appropriate. Whether he will or not will remain to be seen.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, back to the bill. Mr. Clerk, I understand you have something else.