

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's fair.

SENATOR ROBAK: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, I'm not clairvoyant, I don't have ESP, but I handed out a rhyme this morning, and some of the things in that rhyme seem to be...they're playing out right here this morning. I had no idea what the nature of the discussion would be, and that rhyme deals with a make-believe Legislature, one that exists nowhere, anywhere in the universe. None of the individuals of that make-believe Legislature exist anywhere in the universe, but you might think that that rhyme was written about the Nebraska Legislature, but I assure you that it was not. Sometimes things are said and done on this floor which show an absence of...we like to use that term statespersonship, where you rise above petty bickering, vindictiveness, and the threat of revenge or vengeance because somebody votes a certain way. I have had that attempted against me, probably more than anybody on this floor. Last session I had a bill that was designed to provide some economic assistance to north Omaha, and a few people, toward the end of the session, were going to try to destroy that bill because of a position I took on another one. And I had mentioned, when I was discussing that abortion bill, I've got bills that mean something to me, and people will probably try to kill them, and you can go on and kill them because I'll just bring them back. But the threat against a bill of mine, no matter how much it means to me, is not going to make me not say the things I should say, nor is it going to make me take a position that I don't believe in. I do have a principle, and my principle goes beyond a bill, and it goes beyond a particular session of the Legislature. I exercise, I try to eat half-way healthily so that I can stay alive and outlive people on this floor. I've outlived a number of my opponents already. I had nothing to do with them dying, unless they were foolish enough to become angry at some of the things that I've said, internalize that anger and let it eat them away. But if they'd pay attention to that Jesus, Senator Smith, they would remember that Jesus said, anger resteth in the bosom of a fool. And it does rest in the bosom, because it works on the heart, works on the digestive system, that's why I always say I don't get ulcers, I give them. I don't give heart attacks, I give them. If somebody is foolish enough to play into the hands