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Legislature; we do not understand and appreciate its power, as a result the Legislature as a whole gets "whopped" on. Why do you think these people don't walk on me like they walk on some of you all? Because I'm not going to stand for it. You will not have somebody working for the Governor's office call me out in that Rotunda and shout me down and he not get knocked down. They do that to you all; I've seen it and I've heard it. They don't dictate to me about how I better vote on a bill, but I've seen it happen to you, because some of you have come to me and told me how you've got to vote on a certain bill that you don't agree with, but because of what the Governor told you, you better do or else, you've got to vote a certain way, or you've got to sit on your hands. That is not me. Why does cream rise to the top? Because it's not as white as the milk, that's why. You put that in your pipe and chew on it, I mean smoke it. (Laugh) What I want the Legislature to do, and it's not going to do it, is to recognize what it is that we are and insist that proper respect be shown to the Legislature as a body. But respect is not going to be given when people can take from you what they've got and there is no consequence, they're going to take it. Whom does the bully choose to whip on the playground? A common statement among the slaves was the slave most easily whipped was most often whipped, and the one that would stand up was called crazy, to justify them in leaving him alone, because you don't mess with crazy people. But he wasn't crazy and they knew it. All he had done was adopted the same attitude the slave owner had. I believe in self-defense. You cross my nose and I'm going to try to cross yours; and the cemetery accommodates people of your complexion like it does mine, so they say he's crazy, leave him alone. We need more crazy people in the Legislature then. But you all know that it is not insanity, you all know it is not madness, you all know it is not craziness, and you know what I'm saying is true and correct. This bill is an example of the kinds of things they bring to this Legislature which a Governor would never send to the legislatures in other states; it would be dead aborning, I mean that's a term, not Senator Bourne, because he's on this bill. But for us, anything goes. Send it over there. You don't even have to write it well. Grammar can be wrong, words can be misspelled. They don't know anything, they're dumbbells, they're cowards, spineless; we'll spit on 'em. The Attorney