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have a ripple effect on LB 536 as far as I'm concerned. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: (Visitors introduced.) Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I must digress for a second. If the Speaker is here when I croak, if he is here after I croak and is a member of the Legislature, he will look out and get misty-eyed. He said, Senator Waldo is there underneath the balcony. He'll say, Senator Chambers is no longer with us; he is underneath six feet of ground, thank goodness. But since I intend to be cremated you'll be deprived of that little moment of pleasure. Members of the Legislature, Senator Landis gave one of the best speeches of his career in the Legislature and he called attention to something that I had not even picked up on, because I have such strong opposition to LB 620. I don't like anything of it. I want the bill to fail. But realistically, I know that Union Pacific has the strength to get that bill on into the roundhouse and it's going to make it. But I'm just going to put some obstacles in its path. It's a bill that I'm sure the Governor will sign. Nobody who says they support this bill has told me that the Governor is going to sign this bill. Senator Landis is going to give them a vote on cloture so that we can continue discussing the bill and discussing it, which I'm willing to do. Discussing bills is my strong suit. So what difference does it make to me whether the bill has a number LB 75, LB 536, LB 620, LB 242, which I don't intend to discuss at great length, but just pulling some numbers out of the air of bills that have had some significance to me in my life during this session of the Legislature. Nobody has said exactly why my amendment is not good. Senator Dierks has stated briefly what it does and, based on what he said his understanding is, I feel that I drafted the amendment to do what I intended to do. I intended to do what Senator Dierks said in his opinion he believes it does. Senator Landis may have given the Governor something to think about too, but here's why I think there is no relationship between that amendment that Senator Vrtiska added to LB 620 and this bill. This bill is not going to help rural Nebraska. This bill is going to bail out some speculators. We're giving the money to the speculators. This is going to cost dollars. It's going to cost the state