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PRESIDENT FOLEY PRESIDING

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the twenty-third day of the One Hundred Fifth Legislature, Second Session. Our chaplain for today is Pastor Wayne Reynolds from the Grace United Methodist Church in Crete, Nebraska, Senator Ebke's district. Please rise.

PASTOR REYNOLDS: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Pastor Reynolds. I call to order the twenty-third day of the One Hundred Fifth Legislature, Second Session. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Mr. Clerk, please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any corrections for the Journal?

ASSISTANT CLERK: I have no corrections.

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, sir. Any messages, reports, or announcements?

ASSISTANT CLERK: I do, Mr. President. Committee on Revenue gives notice of public hearing for February 14 and 15. Health and Human Services notice of hearing for February 14. Committee on Revenue Chair Senator Smith reports LB885 to General File with committee amendments. Banking reports LB949 and LB1012 both to General File with amendments. Priority bill designation, Senator Chambers has designated LB449 as a priority bill. That's all I have at this time. (Legislative Journal pages 551-559.) [LB885 LB949 LB1012 LB449]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We'll now proceed to the first item on the agenda, General File, 2018 committee priority bills. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB750, introduced by Senator Williams. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 3 of this year, referred to the Banking Committee. That

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committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments. (AM1599, Legislative Journal page 434.) [LB750]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Williams, you're recognized to open on LB750. [LB750]

SENATOR WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. President. And good morning, members of the Legislature. This morning I'm here to bring you LB750. This was heard in the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee on January 23, was voted out of committee 8-0 with no opposition testimony. And I would like to thank Chairman Lindstrom and the committee for making this a committee priority. LB750 is designed to streamline and clarify, first of all, the requirements for a lender to release its lien when the obligation secured by a mortgage or a trust deed has been satisfied and a written request for release has been received. And (b), the consequences to a lender for failing to timely release the lien following such a request. The bill also provides that the transfer of any debt secured by a mortgage shall also operate as a transfer of the security of such debt, similar to existing provisions in law relating to trust deeds. Bankers and other practitioners expressed an interest in bringing greater uniformity to the provisions of law relating to the release of mortgages and reconveyance of trust deeds, as well as the statutory provisions authorizing third parties to release mortgages or reconvey trust deeds. Currently, multiple statutes affect this area of the law with varying provisions regarding the manner in which liens are to be released and differing provisions regarding the damages that are applicable to the event in case the lender fails to timely release the lien. While there are substantive provisions contained within LB750, which I will address, the legislation primarily consists of a reshuffling of deck chairs to place all substantive provisions of law related to the release of mortgages, reconveyance of trust deeds, and damages for failing to timely release liens in a single statute, namely Section 76-2803. Current law requires the release instruments to be delivered to the borrower for filing. This does not match the universal practice of lenders recording the instrument with the register of deeds. Recording the release instrument, rather than delivering it to the borrower for filing, is more consumer friendly by not burdening the borrower with the need to file the lien release. There have been cases in which a release instrument delivered to the borrower did not make its way to the courthouse for filing, potentially resulting in delay for the borrower and requiring the lender to duplicate its efforts in providing or recording the release, potentially exposing the lender to damages as provided by law. Therefore, the primary substantive change under LB750 is to replace the obligation of the lender to deliver the release mortgage of reconveyance to the borrower for filing with an obligation of the lender to record or cause to be recorded the release of mortgage or deed of reconveyance with the register of deeds. We have also clarified that the lender must also have received a written request to release the mortgage or reconvey the trust deed. Additionally, Section 1 of the bill addresses the notion that the mortgage follows the note in connection with lending transactions. These provisions would bring the law relating to mortgages into conformity with the law relating to

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trust deeds. Section 76-1016, relating to trust deeds, already provides that "The transfer of any debt secured by a trust deed shall operate as a transfer of the security therefor." LB750 would simply extend these provisions to the transfer of a debt secured by a mortgage. I would request your green vote. There is a committee amendment, which will be explained. Thank you, Mr. President. [LB750]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Williams. As the Clerk indicated, there are amendments from the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee. Senator Lindstrom, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments. [LB750]

SENATOR LINDSTROM: Thank you, Mr. President. The committee amendments to LB750 can be described rather quickly. These are stylistic and technical in nature. The committee amendments would insert and amend Section 45-737 to recognize that the obligation of a lender under the Residential Mortgage Licensing Act to "Execute and deliver a release of mortgage" or a deed of reconveyance would be replaced by this bill with a requirement for the lender to "Record or cause to be recorded a release of mortgage" or a deed of reconveyance. The committee amendments would further amend Section 45-737 so it would contain internal references to Section 76-2803, which is the section of the bill that would be amended as set out the unified and streamlined provisions regarding release of liens. The committee amendments would clarify that if a trust deed, mortgage, or other security instrument secures a line of credit or future advances, the secured obligation is fully paid or performed if, in addition to full payment or performance, the secured creditor has received a "written notification from the obligor or obligors under a line of credit" requesting the secured creditor to terminate the line of credit or the secured creditor has received a written notice sufficient to terminate the effectiveness of the provision for future advances. The committee amendments also makes stylistic and cleanup changes for purposes of clarity. Those are the committee amendments, and I would urge the adoption and advancement of LB750. Thank you, Mr. President. [LB750]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Lindstrom. Debate is now open on LB750 and the pending committee amendments. Senator Chambers. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is a bill about bankers. I have handed out little nuggets every day, and I have done one about bankers, and it had circulated and people had asked me was I going to read it on the floor? I said, well, I don't know. It depends on whether or not an occasion arises. And lo and behold, the occasion did. And it won't take that long. But in case it does, I'll turn on my light. I'm not against the bill as yet, but who knows. Here's a story told to me, the teller swears that it is true. Though I cannot vouch for that, I'll pass the story on to you. Brothers under the skin with a line through it then thin. A preacher and a skeptic and a banker on a raft were drifting. They'd survived a foggy

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night. The morning came, the fog was lifting. Some ways off there was an island; signs of human habitation gave them hope. But then that hope gave way to dread and consternation. Though the movement of the raft was slight, the three expressed dismay, for the drift instead of toward the island was the opposite way. Luckily the banker was a man of action. Things looked grim, said he, taking off his jacket. I'll seek help, for I can swim. Thank God, cried the preacher. I believe it prudent, proper, and fair, good brother, ere you plunge into the sea we have a word of prayer. Let's join hands and bow our heads. The skeptic with a smirk did blurt: Prayer won't help. You may be right, the preacher said, but it won't hurt. So they prayed, then watched the banker splash his way toward island shore. Strong and steady was his stroke, but then the two were gripped by horror. First a dorsal fin and then a shark's huge body did appear, slicing through the sea like knife through butter, moving ever near to the banker. Doom impending. Then the shark did suddenly veer. Thoroughly convinced the preacher was that God the shark did steer. On the banker swam, oblivious of his brush with certain death. Thank God, cried the preacher, thank God. Then he gasped and caught his breath. For a second shark came into view; the first was not a loner. Certainly this time, the skeptic said, the banker is a goner. I don't know what else to do, the preacher said, except to pray. Then, as by a miracle, the second shark veered sharply away. One time more the drama did repeat itself. Result the same. Seeing in the skeptic's face some doubt, the preacher did exclaim: Do not be so stiff-necked, 'twas my prayers that brought the banker through. Why is it so difficult to give my God his proper due? God preserved the banker from the hungry sharks, can you not see? Shark vis-a-vis loan shark, scoffed the skeptic, professional courtesy. Members of the Legislature, bankers have different types of reputations. And I would like to ask Senator Williams, a banker, a question or two if he would yield. [LB750]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Senator Williams, would you yield, please? [LB750]

SENATOR WILLIAMS: Certainly. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Williams, are you aware of another little nugget in rhyme that I had written about bankers? [LB750]

SENATOR WILLIAMS: I certainly am. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, you have it there? [LB750]

SENATOR WILLIAMS: Well, I'm always prepared as a banker. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was there something in that rhyme to the...how much time do I have, Mr. President? [LB750]

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PRESIDENT FOLEY: 1:11. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think I'm going to stop now and wait until I'm recognized, so that Senator Williams and I will not be interrupted. Thank you. [LB750]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Williams. [LB750]

SENATOR WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. President. And I certainly wouldn't want to interrupt Senator Chambers, so I will yield my time to Senator Chambers. [LB750]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Senator Chambers, 4:50. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Williams, I usually do research on subjects about which I don't have a lot of knowledge. And I don't know much about banks and bankers. Jesse James probably knew more about banks than I knew, at least he had seen the interior of more of them than I had. But the difference between him and me is that when I went in, I went to make a deposit; he went in to make an unauthorized withdrawal. And he was highly successful to a marked degree, until somebody set him free from life. Was there something in that rhyme that talked about bankers willing to lend money if it's clear that the person seeking the loan is well-off and doesn't really need it? Is there something like that in that rhyme? [LB750]

SENATOR WILLIAMS: Well, there's a number of things in this, and even though you say you don't maybe know very much about banks, it seems like you talk inordinate amount of time about a subject that is not quite...you might not be quite as versed. But there is a wonderful quote in here written by you in poem form that warms my heart greatly when it says, "Bankers and their banks beyond a doubt do fill a need. Therefore, it is truly said in spirit and in deed, life would be much bleaker and much darker the despair if the bankers and their banks, dear God forbid, weren't there." Now that isn't the part you probably were thinking that I was going to read to you. But I want to know, as your friend and a banker, I will be happy to loan you an umbrella on a sunny day. And I will be happy to give you my winter coat on the Fourth of July, but just so I get it back about Thanksgiving. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In my response, he gave part of something that I put in there. It is said that bankers are willing to give you an umbrella on a sunny day, but as soon as it begins to rain they want it back, and also that they will give loans to people who do not need them. But bankers are in the business to make money. And if it's not likely that a loan would be repaid, ethically they should not give that loan. Morally, they're not required to give it. Banks are not charitable institutions, far from it, and they wouldn't claim that they are. In fact, they remind me of

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something about Jesse James. It might be a stretch. Jesse James was asked--this is before they knew anything about Robin Hood. In the early days of the West in America, they didn't do much reading. They said, Jesse, why don't you rob poor folks? And they were looking for a very moralistic answer. Jesse said, well, the reason I don't rob poor folks is because they ain't got nothing. But people thought when that question was put, Jesse was going to give a Robin Hood-like answer. Jesse robbed from those who had the money. Where the money was, that's where he went. Although I do think that banking is more or less an honest profession, I will not say noble. But I'd like to ask Senator Williams a question, if he would yield. [LB750]

SENATOR WILLIAMS: Yes, I would. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator, have you heard the two words "Wells Fargo"? [LB750]

SENATOR WILLIAMS: Certainly. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you heard of an institution that labeled itself "Wells Fargo"? [LB750]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: One minute. [LB750]

SENATOR WILLIAMS: Yes, I have. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was it an institution that dealt in the business of banking? [LB750]

SENATOR WILLIAMS: Yes, and other types of businesses. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And is Wells Fargo one of those institutions in which bankers do not take pride? [LB750]

SENATOR WILLIAMS: They have had certain actions that have led to, yes, a lack of pride in some of their operations. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And do you think that the public, being even more uninformed about banking than I am, the public might look at what Wells Fargo did since it was a national operation and paint banks in general with the same brush that Wells Fargo justifiably was painted with? Do you think that's a possibility? [LB750]

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SENATOR WILLIAMS: I think that's certainly a possibility looking at the large bank and the-- the news media press releases and everything concerning them as a, I will use the term "Wall Street bank" compared to many of our "Main Street" banks that we deal with in Nebraska and other rural areas. [LB750]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Time, Senators. Thank you, Senator Chambers and Senator Williams. (Visitors introduced.) Continuing discussion, Senator Chambers. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm taking Senator Williams through this for a reason. When a big operation, financial, does wrong, there should be condemnation without mitigation. But when it comes to banking, even banking, I don't think all banks should be painted with the Wells Fargo bank. I'm aware of some smaller banks that have done things that maybe they shouldn't have done, but it wasn't on the scale of Wells Fargo. It was not generally known, so it did not hurt the reputation of banks in general. I think that some of the things that I heard about bankers in general based on Wells Fargo were things that were not well thought out. If the banks universally, or a large majority, or even a significant percentage were run by crooks who did the kind of things that Wells Fargo did, I don't know but what the banking industry would not take such a hit that there might be a recession, if not a depression. When people become worried about whether their money is safe, they want to go where their money is and get it. In the old days, they called that a "run" on the banks. And when a run occurred on the banks, it affected other aspects of the economy because it meant the public had no trust, no faith, no confidence. There are legal gamblers known as stockbrokers, stock traders, hedge fund operators who are allowed to manipulate the market. And if they don't go too far over the line, what they do is considered legal or at least acceptable according to the shabby standards that govern those people. If insider trading occurs, that is not something these people want the public to know because they don't want anything to come out that would lead to a lack or diminishing of confidence in the stock market. Bankers are not in a position to control what other bankers do in the same way that there is an agency that controls or oversees the stock market. So I want to tell Senator Williams and his partner Senator Clements, who doesn't know how to vote, but it is not a reflection on his ability as a banker, that I have as much respect for them as I have for people who give loans to individuals and to county boards who are allowed to assess a 14 percent interest on delinquent taxes, knowing that if somebody cannot pay his or her taxes adding 14 percent is not going to be an incentive to pay because you don't have the money. That will take even more money from you. But we learned yesterday that the reason that interest rate remains so high, it is not with a view to take care of the citizens or those who pay taxes and may get behind on their taxes. Those interest rates are kept high because a racket has developed, a racket which is based on out-of-state and in-state individuals looking at the misfortune of other people and purchasing...in order not to take a lot of time and using technical language, purchasing the debt of that person. [LB750]

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PRESIDENT FOLEY: One minute. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Look at the 14 percent interest that has accrued as a debt. That's what I'm talking about. If that amount that is used to gouge the taxpayer were reduced, these racketeers would not be so quick to purchase these debts that people owe. Since there are domestic or state and local racketeers, they must be protected. So when we have some tax bills and people jump up here and talk about the need to give property tax relief to people who have a lot of land in the rural areas, and some of them are getting government subsidies, government giveaways, money not for work that they did but they are in that program that props up agriculture. [LB750]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Time, Senator. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. [LB750]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Williams. Actually, Senator, before we move to you. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Williams. [LB750]

SENATOR WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. President. And thank you, Senator Chambers, for another discussion today that is continuing to be important to have. And I appreciate your recognition of those of us in banking that support our communities as well as we do and do those kind of things. I'm very proud of our institution in Gothenburg and our branch in Brady; we have 36 employees. Last year, those 36 employees volunteered over 4,000 hours of community service time. In our bank, the current president of the Gothenburg School Board is an employee there. The current chairman of the redevelopment authority is an employee of the bank; another board member of the school. The president of the Gothenburg Improvement Company is an employee of our bank, and that's the organization that helps recruit new industry to our community. The current president of the Chamber of Commerce is an employee of our bank, and we coach almost every type of club sport that's available and devote a lot of time to a lot of things. I take great pride in that and great pride in what banks and bankers do across our state. At this point, I would like to focus the discussion back to LB750 and the amendment, and again remind the members of the Legislature that this was voted out of committee 8-0 with no opposition testimony. And I would ask again for your green vote, first of all, on AM1599 and then on LB750. Thank you, Mr. President. [LB750]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Williams. Senator Chambers, you're recognized. This is your third opportunity, Senator. [LB750]

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And this is the last time I'll speak on Senator Williams' bill. What I have to do is make use of bills to talk about issues that I think are important. And from my standpoint, they're more important than the bill that we're discussing. Senator Williams' bill should be passed; the committee amendment should be adopted. It is a good amendment attached to a good bill brought by a good man, and sent to the floor by a committee to which I cannot attach the word "good" because I don't have the knowledge and information about them that I have about these others to which I attach that word. But we deal with a lot of subjects on this floor; and the more serious and far-reaching they are, the less time we give discussing them. That is because those big issues are usually backed by a powerful interest in society. They have powerful lobbyists, the deals are cut, the die is cast, and no amount of discussion on the floor is going to change anything, so the Chamber usually will empty. Not completely, but a large number of senators will be gone. So you can tell when an issue that pertains to the welfare of the public is open for discussion because the lobby out there will be virtually empty. You can speak and your voice will echo and re-echo. But when something is on the docket that a big interest, a big lobby firm is pushing for, you will be barely able to find your way through the crowd of lobbyists out there. So if I happen not to have gotten an agenda the day before, when I approach the Chamber and I see the lobby out there is virtually empty, I know that it's something I probably need to talk about because the lobbyists, who certainly aren't interested in the welfare of the public, are not there. And I know that those bills that relate to the interest of the people who need us the most are on the floor, there's not going to be any significant discussion. There will not be much in the way of trying to do something to help those people. But there is a prayer here every day, every day; almost without exception they're asking God to do things which we, as a Legislature, have the power to do. They ask God to bless different segments of the population: the elderly, the poor, the mentally disabled, those who need medical coverage, all of the types of things we can do something about. But before my time runs out on this bill, I'd like to ask Senator Stinner a question, if he would respond. [LB750]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Senator Stinner, would you yield, please? [LB750]

SENATOR STINNER: Yes, I will. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Stinner, you're Chair of the Appropriations Committee for the record, correct? [LB750]

SENATOR STINNER: Yes. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you seen a bill brought to us by the Governor making certain recommendations of cuts that should be made in spending? [LB750]

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SENATOR STINNER: Yes. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there an office called the Policy Research Office connected to the Governor? [LB750]

SENATOR STINNER: Yes. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There are no cuts for that office, are there? [LB750]

SENATOR STINNER: There is across-the-board cuts for the Governor, and the PRO is embedded in the Governor's classification. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So the Policy Research Officer is not broken out and an amount set aside for it specifically? [LB750]

SENATOR STINNER: That is correct. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If I would look at that, then I would not have any way of knowing how much is set aside for that office, is that correct? [LB750]

SENATOR STINNER: You would know in total, and then the 2 percent and 4 percent are taken from the total and then they'll redistribute those dollars down through PRO... [LB750]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: One minute. [LB750]

SENATOR STINNER: ...Budget office, those various entities. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you are doing that without knowledge as to whether there actually is going to be a cut to that PRO office, is that correct? [LB750]

SENATOR STINNER: That is correct. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If I told you that I have information to show that that PRO is not going to get a cut, you could not argue successfully against my making that statement, could you? [LB750]

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SENATOR STINNER: That is correct. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I don't think the Governor can either; but I'd like him, in view of what I've said on this floor, to show that I have misinformation. And that he'll say about me and what I said, in terms of it being ridiculous, what he said when I said he should fire the head of the State Patrol. He said it was ridiculous, then about a week later he fired him. So I'm saying that I don't believe his PRO is going to suffer any cut while he's saying everybody has to do their share. And that's all I'll say at this point. Thank you, Senator Stinner. Thank you, Mr. President. [LB750]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Thank you, Senator Stinner. Senator Ebke. [LB750]

SENATOR EBKE: Thank you, Mr. President. I don't have anything substantive to talk about with respect to this bill, but we've been talking a lot about bankers and runs on banks. And that reminded me of one of my favorite movies, "It's a Wonderful Life" where there are bankers-- there are bankers that are...play prominent roles. And you have two types of bankers, you have the George Bailey bankers and you have the Mr. Potter bankers. And I am very, very grateful that in our body that the three bankers that we've got are much more George Bailey than they are Mr. Potter. And with that, I will yield the balance of my time to Senator Chambers, if he would like it. [LB750]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Senator Chambers, 4:00. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the more I get to know Senator Ebke the more not only do I like her, but respect her. This is one of those mornings when we're talking about an industry which usually does not get what they call respect. I have said over and over, not on the floor, that banks are probably the most conservative institutions in society--that may not be correct--just like on the other side talking about something else, the liquor industry is the most highly regulated industry. So you can kind of get a notion of what's going on by watching the bankers. When they panic, if they do, then it's time for you to take note even if you don't have money in a bank. It's like a situation where this reporter was looking at oil fields, and there's a guy who made a lot of money in oil and he was also at the oil field, and suddenly all the men within sight started running. And this man whose oil fields, and this is true, he started running too. So the reporter didn't know what was going on. And so one guy slowed up; he said, what's everybody running for? This guy said, I don't know. He said, then why are you running? He said, in an oil field, when a large number of people start running, you run too. So when the bankers run, it's not just because they've had, Senator Lowe, a large dosage of Ex-Lax thinking they were eating a Hershey bar. I'm using that term "run" in the sense

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of people coming to take all of their money out of the bank, or what part of it they can. And in using the time that Senator Ebke gave me in a way that she may not have anticipated, consider this: If that man in the White House decides to commence hostile actions against North Korea, feeling that America could do more damage to North Korea once the hostilities start, let some of the nuclear devices hit America, the electric grids. They know where those are. The large dams in this country, they know where those are. The forests, which can be set afire, they know where those are. But they also know where the financial industry is centered. Let them hit Wall Street. All of the computers are destroyed, all of the financial records are gone, and all of those tendrils that go from Wall Street and the banks and the other financial institutions that go all over the world. When the spider dies, everything dies with him. You all need to pay attention to the craziness of that man, and now he's talking about having a big military parade such as they have in North Korea. He said soldiers marching, tanks rumbling. For what purpose? [LB750]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: One minute. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Like a child. Like a child standing up and saying my muscles are bigger than yours or my brother's bigger than yours or I've got a bigger stick than you have. This man is not behaving like an intelligent world leader. He is behaving like somebody who indeed is demented. And contrary to what he says, Kim Jong-un is not crazy. He is very canny, and he is not going to stop his nuclear testing. He is not going to give up his nuclear weapons. And in that area of the world, Japan, South Korea, China will recognize that they have more in common with North Korea than they have with the United States and the rest of the so-called Western world. And when you see that area begin to coalesce and come together, thank Donald Trump for it. [LB750]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Time, Senator. [LB750]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. [LB750]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Lindstrom, you're recognized to close on the committee amendment. He waives close. The question before the body is the adoption of AM1599, the Banking Committee amendment. All those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please. [LB750]

ASSISTANT CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments. [LB750]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: The committee amendments are adopted. Any further discussion on LB750? Seeing none, Senator Williams, you're recognized to close on the bill. [LB750]

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SENATOR WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. President. And I certainly will be brief. I appreciate everybody's time and discussion this morning. Again, this is a committee priority, and I would like to once again thank Senator Lindstrom for making it a committee priority. The bill came out of committee 8-0, with no opposition testimony. I urge your green vote to move this forward. Thank you, Mr. President. [LB750]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Williams. Members, you've heard the debate on LB750. The question before the body is the advance of the bill to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please. [LB750]

ASSISTANT CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill, Mr. President. [LB750]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: LB750 advances. Moving to the next bill, Mr. Clerk. [LB750]

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB775, introduced by Senator Stinner. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 3 of this year, referred to the Appropriations Committee. That committee placed the bill on General File with committee amendments. (AM1723, Legislative Journal page 515.) [LB775]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Stinner, you're recognized to open on LB775. [LB775]

SENATOR STINNER: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, LB775 is an Appropriations Committee priority bill, and it was voted out of committee 9-0. LB775 authorizes the Game and Parks Commission to utilize alternative methods of contracting for public projects in the state park system, specifically authorizing the use of design-build and construction manager or general contract methods. Other governmental entities in the state, through previous legislation, have been provided the ability to use alternative delivery methods in addition to the traditional design-bid-build method. Some of these entities would be public schools, cities, villages, community colleges, and state colleges. For an example, in 2016, the Legislature provided the Department of Roads, now known as the Department of Transportation, the ability to use alternative contracting methods for road projects. The language under LB775 would provide the commission the ability to use these same alternative methods of contracting. The commission is fortunate to have many private donors who have a genuine interest in enhancing the future of Nebraska's state park system. For those donors, having projects completed on time and on budget is very important. Similarly, stipulations under the federal funding grants may impose time lines and efficiency standards which this bill would help to achieve. An example of a project where design-build could have proved instrumental was for the new aquarium at the Schramm State Recreation Area in Sarpy County. This recreation area is one of the venture parks

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projects primarily funded by private donations. Without the use of design-build availability, the commission experienced additional design costs, rework, and other change orders because they didn't have the input of the specialists involved in the project. The consultants hired to design the project had initially assumed that a portion would be a design-build contract and were unaware that the commission was unable to utilize it, even for a very specific need in a capital project. You will also see that I have an amendment for consideration, AM1723, which was introduced in an attempt to clarify licensed architects and engineers involved in design-build. I do have a modification to this amendment which will be introduced. It basically strikes the first and second part of that amendment. So we will be asking you to actually vote down the AM1723 and adopt the amended portion of AM1723. In summary, LB775 will provide additional tools for the delivery of capital projects that the commission currently does not have. It would allow for the use of internal professional advice from the Game and Parks engineering parks and administrative personnel to evaluate the best delivery method for a particular project. As we continue to seek higher levels of efficiency within state government, I think it's important that we also provide state agencies with the full set of tools they need to improve efficiencies and save on state costs. It was noted in the hearing with the Transportation Department that they expect, because of design-build, to save over \$10 million per year. Thank you for your consideration. I would encourage your green vote on LB775 and ask you to vote for the modified AM1723. [LB775]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Stinner. As the Clerk noted, there are amendments from the Appropriations Committee. Senator Stinner, as Chair of that committee, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments. [LB775]

SENATOR STINNER: I've just had a conference. I guess we have to vote. We're just modifying AM1722 (sic--AM1723) by striking part a and b or 1 and 2, and so we need to vote for this amendment. And it's the last part, if you look at the amendment, it's the last two sections of it that I ask you to adopt. And it's just clarifying language, and I would appreciate your green vote. [LB775]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Senator, your comments were to the amendment to the committee amendment, is that correct? [LB775]

SENATOR STINNER: Yes, it is. [LB775]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: All right, so pending is LB775. The Appropriations Committee amendment is AM1723, and then you've introduced FA98. (Legislative Journal page 559.) [LB775]

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SENATOR STINNER: Right. And I would ask you to vote green for this. It's clarifying language. It helps with different entities that have given us some input into this legislation, and it clarifies some points that need to be clarified in. So please vote green. [LB775]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Stinner. So pending is LB775, the committee amendment, and the amendment to the committee amendment. Senator Chambers. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Stinner a question or two. [LB775]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Senator Stinner, would you yield, please? [LB775]

SENATOR STINNER: Yes, I will. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Stinner, who asked that this bill be introduced? Who is the primary mover behind this bill, if you know? [LB775]

SENATOR STINNER: Game and Parks. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Uh-huh. Are you aware that there are people...there is at least one person on this floor who is not fond of Game and Parks? [LB775]

SENATOR STINNER: Yes, I'm abundantly aware of that. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you're talking to him, correct? [LB775]

SENATOR STINNER: Yes, I am. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If this bill were not passed, what damage would be done to the people of this state? [LB775]

SENATOR STINNER: You know, by incorporating design-build, I think, in some of the complicated projects that they have, I think it would cost the people of the state of Nebraska money. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So Game and Parks sees a value in a bill like this? [LB775]

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SENATOR STINNER: Yes, they do. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I think you would agree with me that they're aware I'm a member of this Legislature. [LB775]

SENATOR STINNER: I would think so. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you, of your personal knowledge, aware that there have been conflicts between me and certain policies of Game and Parks? [LB775]

SENATOR STINNER: Yes. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you heard me on occasion say that I would do everything I can to stop anything that Game and Parks attempts to bring through the Legislature? [LB775]

SENATOR STINNER: I have heard you say that, yes. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you heard me say that this session yet? [LB775]

SENATOR STINNER: I don't believe so. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I haven't, thank you. That's all that I'm going to ask you. Members of the Legislature, those who have a bill following this one can go do something else if they want to, because this is one of those bills that I'm going to take time on. Much time. Mucho tiempo. Now the President would probably think that I'm cursing like he does, but I don't curse in any language. And I'm concerned about things that he has done. And that is a segue to me talking about this bill. Game and Parks has had a policy of trying to allow the hunting of mountain lions whose numbers are still small. They did some of what they call "research" to discover that there would be enough for them to have another hunting season. The Game and Parks Commission is my quarry. Now when this bill goes to cloture, it will get enough votes for cloture. How many of you all want to give it that time? We'll find out when we reach that juncture, and time will be taken on Select File also. I see Senator Brewer approaching his desk and I would like to ask him a question, if he would yield. [LB775]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Senator Brewer, would you yield, please? [LB775]

SENATOR BREWER: I'd be honored, yes. [LB775]

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brewer, even without your military experience, but with your military experience, would you ever signal to the enemy what your strategic plan is? [LB775]

SENATOR BREWER: Not the true plan. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if you were going to have to confront an enemy, and to commence hostilities you're totally surrounded, every person would be annihilated, and it's known that this would happen, and they demand that you drop your weapons and surrender, what might a commander do? I'm not asking what you would do. What might a commander do in a situation like that? [LB775]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: One minute. [LB775]

SENATOR BREWER: You would expend all ordnance and then at that point the last option would be to surrender. Let's put it that way. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have people been known to surrender, rather than run into the valley of death, just because that's what they were supposed to do? [LB775]

SENATOR BREWER: Yes, but not in my command. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And I'll turn my light on. [LB775]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Senators Chambers and Brewer. Senator Krist. [LB775]

SENATOR KRIST: Good morning, Mr. President. And good morning, colleagues and Nebraska. I just went and spoke to Senator Stinner off the mike, and I think once we do get around to actually voting for this bill it's important for us all to realize FA78 strikes...I'm sorry, FA98 strikes some language in the Appropriations amendment AM1723. It strikes on page 2, line 20 "Construction manager may include," and I won't go through all that. And then on page 3, line 5 it strikes an unnecessary language of builder-designer "may include." The important part of this bill, I think, is that any time any agency of this state actually builds and spends our money and spends our citizens' money that there should be a collaboration on the front side of the architects, the general contractors, the engineers to make sure that this process works effectively, efficiently, and is the right construction at the right time that will last for a long time. And I think this goes...LB775--after we do what we need to do, and that is to adopt FA98, which strikes two sections in AM1723, which becomes the bill, LB775--is the right pathway to make sure that that happens. I think any of you who have ever been involved in a building project understand that

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the architect will give you what you want and will conform to those significant needs, whether it be historical significance or whether it be living accommodations, or whether it be accessibility in this case with the Parks and Rec's (sic) designs around. The engineer is the person who is going to make sure that it stands for a long time and it's the right construction in the right place at the right time with soil and with the structural integrity and all the rest of it. And then, of course, the contractor comes in and puts it all together. And so those three, and there are several others that I'm not going to go into, I think are critically important. Starting with a good design in our architectural design, making sure that it's structurally sound, and then making sure that it conforms and it lasts for a long time. I want to thank Senator Stinner and the Appropriations Committee for bringing it forward, and I do know that Senator Chambers has many things to say, and that's fine. But when we finally do get around to voting on it, I would ask you to support FA98, AM1723, and the underlying LB775. Thank you, Mr. President. [LB775]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Krist. (Visitors introduced.) Continuing debate. Senator Chambers. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, when an entity such as the Game and Parks Commission has something that it wants to accomplish and it purports to undertake a study or conduct research to determine whether that that the Game and Parks Commission wants to do ought to be allowed to be done. They know that there's money in allowing people to hunt these mountain lions. The first mountain lion hunting season that they put in place had to do with a lottery where people would draw to see who would be the lucky one to kill one of these animals. The other was by a bidding process, and there were some people who hunt in this state and they were very offended because there's a big game hunting group--they ought to call them "big game slaughterers"--who were conducting this activity at Mahoney Park. The opening bid would knock any of the riff-raff out of the running. And it brought in over \$10,000, maybe it was \$14,000, so that a person could kill one of these animals. The one who got the lottery ticket was allowed to use dogs. The big game hunter was allowed to use dogs. Mountain lions, cougars, panthers, catamounts, there may be a dozen designations of this animal, but all of the people who are familiar with them and their habits know that these animals do not like to be around human beings. These animals were virtually exterminated from Nebraska, and a few were sighted in the early 1900s. Since that time, in Nebraska, no human being has been attacked by a mountain lion. Contrary to what Senator Loudon, when he was here and brought a bad bill, which inattentive senators voted for, he said: You'll do something when one of these mountain lions eat your grandchildren. Well, mountain lions would not eat the grandchildren of anybody in Nebraska because grandchildren are produced by parents who in turn were produced by their parents, and mountain lions have better taste than that. So you don't have to worry about it. And no human being has been attacked by a mountain lion in this state. When it comes to livestock, very rarely has any livestock been attacked by a mountain lion. If the mother is not killed, she teaches those kittens what their appropriate food is, and livestock are not on the menu. They can catch deer,

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moose, elk, all kinds of smaller mammals. They don't need to go after livestock unless you put them in a position where in order to survive they might do it. But when it comes to these little critters running around here, lambs and so forth, there are raptors who take more of them than mountain lions. One of them is called the bird that is the symbol of your country, and some know it to be a very rapacious bird that robs from other birds. It's called the bald eagle. But you cannot kill a bald eagle without violating federal law. You cannot possess a feather unless you are a member of an Indian tribe where the feather has particular significance. [LB775]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: One minute. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You cannot possess a feather without being in violation of federal law. These mountain lions are not a menace to people in this state. There are people who've had mountain lions on their property for over two decades. One man was interviewed, and he said he knew they were there because he saw the evidence of their being there--their scat, their tracks--but he had never seen one in his life on his property. And he didn't mind them being on his property. There are other people who may have seen a mountain lion on their property, and they have no interest in killing them. There was one who unfortunately strayed... [LB775]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Senator Chambers, that's time, please. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...into the confines of the city of Omaha. Thank you, Mr. President. [LB775]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: But you're next in the queue, Senator. You may continue. This is your third opportunity. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you...had strayed into the confines of the city of Omaha. It was injured and it happened to seek refuge next to some building, so the Omaha police were called. And they came and they unleashed a fusillade of lead--shotguns, rifles, and pistols. They killed the animal, they slaughtered the animal. I'm sure they felt proud of what they had done. There have been other instances where one was taken captive and others have been tranquilized, moved, and set free. One was captured and stayed in the zoo in Omaha for any number of years. It is not necessary to have a hunting season. The law right now says that any person growing livestock whose livestock is menaced can contact the Game and Parks Commission. They have to do that. Then, under the proper circumstances, that person can defend whatever is his or hers on his or hers property by killing a mountain lion. So there's no need to hunt these animals. If there should come an occasion when it was necessary to thin--mountain lions don't run in herds, but that's a term people are familiar with--it would become necessary to thin the herd. They don't run around in prides either. That is a collection of lions. They don't do that; they're solitary

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animals. But if that should become necessary, the Game and Parks should go to other states who know how to manage these animals, since they don't know how to manage the few they have in Nebraska, and find out how they're done. In California, they spent tens of thousands of dollars to build a pathway above a very busy multilane highway. Miraculously, there have been mountain lions who negotiated that highway without being hit by cars. But to ensure that they were not, California spent this money. Now they have far more mountain lions in California than they would ever have in Nebraska, but there are some blood-thirsty people in this state. And you know why I say that? If they have to match wits with a mountain lion, then I wouldn't worry that much. When they use the dogs, the dog will pick up the mountain lion's trail, chase the lion up a tree. These brave white hunters--and all of them are white, all of them--just like Ernest Hemingway, the ones who would go to Africa and have the so-called natives make a lot of noise--and they did it in India--and these brave white hunters would sit up in a tree. And when the animal was chased below them in the tree, they'd shoot it. Such courage, such heroism. And they are lauded. When the dogs have chased the animal, the animal is up in the tree, and that God that you all pray to every morning put that survival instinct into that animal. But the animal is not dealing with natural enemies. In Nebraska, the mountain lion would probably be the alpha or apex predator. So there wouldn't be many animals a mountain lion would be afraid of, just the two-legged variety, the most treacherous, cowardly in nature's kingdom. [LB775]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: One minute. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No animals have caused any other species to go extinct. But these so-called wise animals, the homo sapiens, the wise ones, have done that and are on their way to do it now. They have taken a good step, many steps, in doing it to the polar bears. But nevertheless, I'm talking about Nebraska. So the animal is in the tree where God told him to go; and then these Christian, white, brave people will shoot the animal out of the tree, and then they're proud and they take pictures holding up the carcass. They will have it skinned and stuffed by a taxidermist, then they show that to indicate their prowess. And I'm opposed to that. They haven't had any additional hunting seasons... [LB775]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Time, Senator. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. [LB775]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Stinner, you're recognized to close on FA98. He waives close. The question before the body is the adoption of FA98. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. A roll call vote has been requested. Mr. Clerk, please. [LB775]

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ASSISTANT CLERK: (Roll call vote taken.) Vote is 37 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President. [LB775]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: FA98 is adopted. Mr. Clerk. [LB775]

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, priority motion. Senator Chambers would move to reconsider the vote on the adoption on FA98. [LB775]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Senator Chambers, you are recognized to open on your reconsideration motion. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, (singing) if you don't know me by now, I have a technique and a tactic that I use. And I'm going to use it on this bill. I'd like to ask Senator Stinner a question. [LB775]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Senator Stinner, would you yield, please? [LB775]

SENATOR STINNER: Yes, I will. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Stinner, did anybody from Game and Parks talk to you about this bill and suggest that you might receive some opposition from me for the reasons that I've given earlier? [LB775]

SENATOR STINNER: No. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Nobody gave you a warning. [LB775]

SENATOR STINNER: Nobody gave me a warning. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then I'm going to do better toward you than they did. Be warned, Senator Stinner. I'm opposed to this bill and I'm going to fight it by all means available to me under the rules of the Legislature. Members of the Legislature, continuing what I was saying about the mountain lions, an irony is that a youngster, he was a teenager, won the raffle so he could kill one of these animals. And when some landowners became aware of that, they said that they had lions who occasionally would go across their land. So if this kid was with a hunting party and they were tracking a lion or a cougar, they could feel free to cross the property. And some even offered to join the hunting party to help this budding hunter bag one of these unoffending animals. I said "ironically." The irony is that this kid had what was considered a

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potentially fatal disease. He may have been taken to Colorado for treatment before, and I'm not sure whether he was in a group of these young people who were facing death, who were given a last wish. But at any rate, his last wish was to kill an animal. The irony lies in the fact that he himself was walking in the shadow of death and the most important thing that this Christian society had taught him, the most significant thing he could do as he faced death, was to take the life of another living creature. I'm wondering what kind of life that kid lived. There is an additional irony involved in this story. They found a cougar and treed it. The dogs were yapping and the cougar felt safe, I imagine, by being in the tree because God told the cougar that's where you go when you are facing an enemy that you cannot otherwise handle. So the cougar is carrying out God's coding that had been placed in his system for survival. And you know what this kid's daddy did? He helped him steady that rifle, not shoot it, steady it on a tree projection-- steady it and then pull the trigger. And he hit the animal and there was great joy among the savages. You know why I use that word "savages"? The irony is that that was the brand name of the rifle he used. It was a Savage rifle in the hands of a budding savage being misled by grown savages. And I'm wondering what ultimate message they were trying to teach. I'm told about how hunting ennoble those who do it. I have not seen it. But I have been approached by people who hunt, and they said they agree that these animals should never be hunted with dogs. Never. So that's how this animal was brought down. And I was infuriated. And I declared a type of war on Game and Parks. At that time, there were more knowledgeable people, more understanding people in the Legislature. The chair of the committee...is Senator Hughes here? If Senator Hughes is here, I'd like to ask him a question, if he would yield. [LB775]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Senator Hughes, would you yield, please? [LB775]

SENATOR HUGHES: Of course. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hughes, did your committee again kill the mountain lion...the anti-mountain lion hunting bill that I had offered? [LB775]

SENATOR HUGHES: No, we have not. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So it's still languishing. [LB775]

SENATOR HUGHES: Yes. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. That's all that I want to ask you. Members of the Legislature, that prior committee advanced the bill. It passed. The Governor vetoed it. There was a man whose last name was Carlson, and he thought he had a chance to be Governor, and he had

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supported the bill. Then he changed his mind after the Governor vetoed it. And I talked to him, and he said he would reconsider that vote. Well, in the Legislature, just like when I make this motion to reconsider it, that means I'm going to undo what was done. He left me with the impression that he was going to change his vote. When time came to vote to override the Governor, I got 28 votes. There was another senator--he now works for the Auditor, and his name--well, I won't give his name; but he's kind of a short, stocky person, and we got along very well. And after the carnage, he offered a public mea culpa. He said he had left Senator Chambers with the impression that he would be the 29th vote so that if there was a 30th vote, it would be cast. But for some reason he got cold feet. When the number reached 28, like Peter, he committed an act that he viewed as a betrayal. He did not give the 29th vote. I had excoriated former Senator Carlson on the floor. I don't believe in talking about people behind their back. He was fumbling and stumbling and trying to get the body to think that when he told me he would reconsider his vote, that didn't mean that he was going to change it. But he left me with that impression, and I had thanked him for doing it, because his vote was essential. And even with all of that conversation, he said that he thought that I should understand, despite he gave every indication that he would change his vote. This is another corrupting action that grew out of the desire of some people to hunt mountain lions. In the past, Cabela's undertook an effort to defeat a similar bill. And now Cabela's, after getting the suckers in the Legislature to do their will, they're out there in Chadron or someplace, way out there by Canada or Alaska. They'd been forsaken. And the present Governor, I believe, or it may have been the last one, mentioned the opposition of Cabela's. And I think they sent somebody to testify against the bill. And I follow two mantras. One was given by John Kennedy's father, and I've mentioned it before: Don't get mad, get even. Then Senator McDonnell gave me another version: Forgive your enemies, but don't forget their names. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER PRESIDING

SPEAKER SCHEER: One minute. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I decided that I would show that I have as much staying power as Game and Parks. Over there those people operate because they get paid. I think my principal position will carry me farther than their yen for the money that they're receiving. A fellow named McCoy over there, I see he testified in favor of this bill. He had said that if it became clear that a majority of the senators didn't want a hunting season, they wouldn't have one. When I mentioned the 28 votes, he said, well, although they said in the paper I said "majority," I meant if they pass the bill. I said, that's not what you said. That's the way white men do, they lie. He didn't say that he was misquoted in the paper. They were supposed to read his mind. But that's what I'm dealing with with Game and Parks and some people on this floor. [LB775]

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SPEAKER SCHEER: Time, Senator. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Thank you, Mr. Chambers. And you are next in the queue. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. It's interesting that they use the word "queue," but I would like to let that signify that letter in the alphabet. What number is q in the alphabet? If r, and you have to take my word for it, if r is the 18th letter, what number would be assigned to the letter q? Well, you know that s is the 19th letter and t is the 20th, y is the 25th. I'm not going to tell you. But take the letter q, that is the middle initial of the everyman who stands for ordinary people: "John Q. Public." The Speaker told you I'm next in the queue, and for me that was a signal from on high. Chambers, you are standing for "John Q. Public." Not the John Q. who has been deceived, tricked, duped, diluted, misled by politicians, but the one who should be informed, and once informed, be prepared to take action which he is in a position to take. I'm in a position to at least stymie some of what Game and Parks wants, and as I quote Abraham Lincoln, "The promise being made, must be kept." And I'm going to have to demonstrate time after time on this floor that at my advanced age I will deliver on my promise to burn up days from your session. Which day by number is today? The 23rd day. And that is kind of symbolic. There is a psalm, the 23rd Psalm, and everybody is familiar with part of it, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." What the panthers are saying: Senator Chambers is our shepherd. He will not let them slaughter us. They go on to say, and David wrote it, "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul." And the panthers say: that is our psalm, that's what we would like to do. We would like to be able to walk in those areas, to lie down in peace, and live in accord with the nature that that God who created us put within us and be held safe from that two-legged creature which is a plague upon the earth, brings death, disease, and destruction wherever it decides to go or wherever it may be tossed by the winds of chance. But that will not be. So the 23rd Psalm doesn't work for the mountain lions and other animals. I'll bet Senator Watermeier, I'm not going to ask him, could give you the next words. "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He restoreth my soul." There is something though that might be for the mountain lions: "He prepareth a table before me in the presence of mine enemies." [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: One minute. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And then, other place, "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou who created me art with me. Thy rod and thy staff comfort me." It is not a fire rod that will kill me. And that Christian God...see, the Old Testament is a Jewish God. That God said, well, partner, I made you, but I can't protect you. Because after

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making you, I made something else; and when I made that something else, I made a mistake. And when I made that mistake...I'll continue this story when I'm recognized. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You are recognized. And this is your last other than your close. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I can close after this? [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Yes, Senator. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. So if you say time, then I'll just continue for that five minutes. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: That's assuming no one is behind you. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And for those who are having fun, that five minutes may seem like five seconds. For those who are not enjoying this, it will seem like five years. So everybody gets something out of this. God said, I made a mistake. And he had some angels. Every angel...young women, young women, women who are not so young, but compared to me are young. Every angel in the "Bible" is masculine. So when they call you an angel, are they saying you're just one of the guys? Why would they take a masculine term from the "Bible" and apply it to women? Because nobody pays attention to the "Bible"; they're just words uttered that have no significance. But God had a troika, a trio, a triumvirate of big-shot angels: Michael; Gabriel; and one who is called the Son of the Morning, the anointed cherub, the favorite of God. And his name was of all things Lucifer. And Lucifer went astray. He and God had a conversation which only the two of them knew what was said. They had a later conversation, which everybody knew. But the angels talked to Lucifer. They said, we understand that you're going to start a revolution up here. He said, um-hum, and I'm well on the way to carrying it out. And Michael hunched Gabriel, said, do you hear what Lucifer is saying? They might have called him Luke, or maybe there was a female angel, maybe Lucifer was the long version of Lucy. But I'm not going to do that, because they'd use that to say it was a woman who brought all the troubles on the earth. Lucifer was a male, all of them had masculine pronouns. So Michael and Gabriel said, we have been together since the beginning. We don't know when that was, we don't know when the end will come, but it's a long time by anybody's reckoning. And you know you can't overthrow the old man. He made you, he made us. And Lucifer said, you all are chickenhearted. Chickens hadn't been invented yet, but Lucifer, he was God's favorite, so he knew God was going to create chickens. So he applied that term. You all are afraid of him, but I'm not. We're going to overthrow this place. And they tried, but they failed. And Lucifer became known as Satan or the devil, and he and God have been at war ever since. But it's a waste of time, because if what they

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say is true, the outcome is fixed already. But God and Lucifer didn't break all contact. Not only did they have conversations, just like you and me, but they wagered; and the stakes would often be unoffending human beings who didn't know what God was doing... [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: One minute. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...by wagering with Satan. But I was going to tell you this mistake God made was in creating a human being. And then he tried to erase the mistake. He said, I'm going to take that which was contaminated and I'm going to extract the essence from it, that which was good, and make another creature. And that will be the eraser. This will be the creature who will undo the harm that will be visited on the earth because I made a mistake when I made a man. So as I have told you all, he took Adam in the greenhouse, opened his side, and took out a rib, then leaned Adam against the fencepost so he could dry out and get well. And he said, this shall be called "woman" when the creature was presented to Adam, because she came... [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Time, Senator. But you're welcome to close. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: She came from man, and women have been trying to straighten men out ever since, with no more success than God had. So, ladies, keep trying. Don't give up. Every now and then you'll see one of us who at least puts forth an effort to do the right thing. So don't give up. But if you did, I wouldn't blame you. God and the devil were going about their business. That means God was just sitting up there in heaven smoking his stogy, blowing smoke rings that you all call clouds, and Satan happened up on the scene. Now that means Satan went where God was, which you all say is heaven. Satan went to heaven. And God said, Satan, where did you come from? Satan said, I come from going up and down in the earth and walking to and fro in it, and there's not a good person down there. And God thought and he thought and he thought some more. And whenever they saw God thinking like this, the little angels would go and together get this huge hat and they put it on God's head, that was God's thinking cap. So they put God's thinking cap on his head. God had a very large head. They put that on his head. And God thought, he said, have you considered my servant, Job? And Satan chuckled inside. He said, your servant? Well, servant, based on everything I know about language, means somebody who serves you and does your will. And God said, you got that right, Satan. If you had been that smart before you turned against me, you might have a better end than the one that's in store for you. So Satan said, what are you trying to say, God? God said, you cannot turn Job against me. And Satan said, oh yes, I can. See, you've hedged him about, you've given him all kind of things. And those human beings like things; and as long as they've got things, they'll do what you want them to do. So God said, I'll tell you what, take everything that he's got. Everything. So Satan took God up on the wager, that's the bet that they made. And Job knew nothing about God and Satan betting, and poor Job is the stakes. So while Job was in his house, a servant ran in and said, Job,

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Job. And Job said, what? He said, well, all your sons they were having a party and a big wind came and blew the house down and all of them are dead. And Job said, oh my God. While he was yet lamenting that, another servant came in and said, something happened and all your cattle are dead. And Job now felt a bit of depression. And his wife came. she said, Job, why don't you curse God and die? And Job said, you talk like the silly women. All my appointed time I'll wait until my change comes. The Lord giveth, the Lord taketh, blessed be the name of the Lord. But he didn't feel that way in his heart, but he said it. Because if God killed his children and took everything from him, God wouldn't be above striking him. So Satan came back, and God is chuckling. God chuckles. There's a verse in the Bible, it says God will laugh at you. But you know what will make him laugh? When your calamity comes upon you, that's when God will laugh. That's the only time I could find someplace in the Bible where God laughed. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: One minute. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If a year...if a day with God is as a thousand years, imagine how long a minute with God would be. But I think my one minute comprises 60 seconds, and I've just about gone through them. But I assure you all, I'm going to be on this bill for at least another hour-and-a-half unless I'm struck dead. Now if I'm struck dead, I couldn't keep the promise. But if I'm not struck dead, if my right arm does not lose her cunning and my tongue does not cleave to the roof of my mouth, I'll continue talking. Mr. President, I will ask for a call of the house and a roll call vote. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: There has been a request to place the house under call. The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor please vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record. [LB775]

ASSISTANT CLERK: 20 ayes, 2 nays to go under call, Mr. President. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: The house is under call. Senators, please record your presence. Those unexcused senators outside the Chamber please return to the Chamber and record your presence. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. The house is under call. Senator Walz, could you check in, please? Senator Walz, thank you. Senator Kuehn, Senator Morfeld, Senator Hilkemann, Senator Larson, Senator Riepe, Senator Harr, Senator Blood, Senator Friesen, Senator Brewer, Senator Halloran, please return to the floor. Senator Morfeld, Senator Hilkemann, Senator Larson, Senator Riepe. Senator Blood, would you please check in? Thank you. Senator Larson, Senator Riepe, please return to the floor. The house is under call. Senator Morfeld, would you please check in? Thank you. Senator Larson, please return to the floor. The house is under call. Senator Chambers, we are absent Senator Larson. Can we go ahead? Okay. There's been a request for a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk. [LB775]

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ASSISTANT CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 560.) Vote is 0 ayes, 44 nays, Mr. President. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: The motion to reconsider does fail. Mr. Clerk. I raise the call. [LB775]

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers has offered a floor amendment, FA99, to the committee amendments. (Legislative Journal page 560.) [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Senator Chambers, you are welcome to open on FA99. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, Senator Stinner to the...and the Game and Parks Commission and all those hunters out there, what this amendment would do if you adopt it, is strike the lines 9-11 from the committee amendment. And you're not going to accept it, which I know. So I'm going to make a reconsideration motion just so you can plan your day. Then after we go through that, I'm going to offer another amendment to the committee amendment, and that will be to strike lines 12-15. You will not vote for that. And Senator Morfeld, I will then make a reconsideration motion. Then what I will do is offer an amendment to strike lines 9-15. And then I'll move to reconsider that. Now it is a quarter to 11:00, roughly, 10:44 to be precise. We probably will start thinking about getting out of here at 11:45, which is one hour. If I make a motion as I've done, and I speak my three times and my close, you know, I open, then I guess I can speak two times and then my closing, I can take 10 minutes to open, then a total of 15 minutes to speak, 10 plus 15--and I graduated from OPS but I know how to do a little math--10 plus 15 are, or is 25. If I offer another amendment and do the same thing, or a motion like to reconsider, and I take 25 minutes on that, 25 plus 25 are, or is 50. There are 60 minutes in an hour. If I then offer another motion or amendment, you all will be ready to break camp and surrender before I get through with the amendments that I can offer on the committee amendment. Then when we come back here tomorrow, I will borrow from Herman's Hermits, "second verse same as the first," then third verse and eventually we will run out the three hours that this bill has. And we'll leave it languishing. And those at the Game and Parks Commission can curse me and do whatever they want to, and I will have mastered them because anger rests in the bosom of a fool. And when they do that cursing, God may send that fellow who has the cow over his head and a long-flowing robe and a scythe, not s-i-g-h. Farmers know what this is. It's a huge sickle-like. They used to call him the Grim Reaper, but even the Grim Reaper updates. Since he kills all over the world, he no longer is called the Grim Reaper, he's called the "International Harvester" and you know what the company called the International Harvester produces. So we're going to range far afield during this time that I'm going to take. You have delivered Game and Parks into my hands; and by showing how much they like you, they have delivered the Legislature into my hands. I was talking about... [LB775]

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SPEAKER SCHEER: Excuse me, Senator. (Gavel) Please continue. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, that's like saying "order in the court." I don't mind, Mr. Speaker, but thank you very much. You all have to learn how to whisper. Be rude if you must, but don't be so blatantly rude. That is uncivilized. So now behave yourselves, whisper, and there was great whispering amongst the congregation. It sounded like a buzz, not like bees nor like "Ricketts crickets," but at any rate, I have to make a note to myself based on what just happened. Job was very distressed about what had happened. But based on the story, he really did believe that God overall...when you judge God on the curve, he comes out at least average; and you know what average is? Average is the worst of the best and the best of the worst. So when you have the bottom of the best and the top of the worst, you wind up in the middle and you get something that neither of those groups wants to be identified with. The best are ashamed of that one who is the worst of them; the worst are envious because the best of them has been given a break, and that's how wars break out. But at any rate, no, Job was trying to figure this whole thing out and God and the devil, Satan, they're not through yet. They're going to carry this on. They both got an enjoyment out of what was happening to Job. But see, God, knew things that Satan didn't know, and God said, Satan, are you satisfied now? You can't turn Job against me. And Satan said, well, God...God's cigar had gone out by then. He's drawing on it and nothing happened, so Satan said, put it in your mouth and get your hands out of the way. So God put it in his mouth, got his hands out of the way, Satan popped his finger, a flame came on the tip end of his finger and he reached over and he lit God's Conestoga, his stogy. God took a deep draw, then blew smoke rings. This could be praying as far as you all know. I'm talking about the "Bibble." I'm talking about God. That's what you all do every morning. You ought to be saying, amen, but you won't say it. Anyway, Satan said, yay. He didn't mind losing his property. It bothered him to lose his children, but you know this and I know this, skin for skin, all that a man hath will he give for his life, all that he has. So God didn't want Job to die because of a bet. So he said, I'll tell you what. I will let you do anything you want to, to Job. You can put your hand on him, do anything you want to him, but don't take his life. And Satan said, deal. So he decided to afflict Job. Job developed boils and blisters and the blisters were so painful he couldn't walk. When he tried to lie down, his back was sore, and that wasn't all that Satan did. See, Satan is a heck of a cat. I could use that other word, but I'm not a Christian. Although hell is a place everybody's going; everybody's going there. Narrow is the way that leads to salvation, broad is the way that leads to hell, and many there be that go in thereat, and you all might be part of the many. And if you say you're not and that you're going to not be those, then you're going to go because you're prideful. Pride is one of the seven deadly sins. You're proud because you're not going to hell, then that's going to take you straight to hell. That's "Bibble" and Catholic doctrine. But anyway, Job is lying down; and his wife said, Job, you are repulsive to the sight. I will not touch you. You are emitting a foul odor. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: One minute. [LB775]

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: I will not be in the same room with you. Curse God and die. And it was hard for him to say it, but he said it again. The Lord giveth, the Lord taketh, blessed be the name of the Lord. All the days of my appointed time, I will wait until my change come. She put her hands on her shapely hips and said, do you know what that even means? He said, woman, I don't want to talk to you about this. So she left him. And since she had mentioned this bad odor, when you don't smell good and you're around yourself all the time, you don't detect it but other people do. So he left the house and he went out and sat in the ashes. Charcoal absorbs odors. Job knew that even then and then he got a shard, or a broken piece of pottery, and he began to scratch himself and scrape and when he scraped it... [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Time, Senator. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...pus would ooze out of those... [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Time, Senator. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Krist, you're recognized. [LB775]

SENATOR KRIST: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a clarification. FA99 from Senator Chambers is being put on AM1723 from Appropriations, the committee amendment? Not Senator Stinner's amendment; Senator Stinner's amendment passed? Question. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Yes. Senator Stinner's passed and FA99 is to the committee amendment. [LB775]

SENATOR KRIST: Okay. Just a clarification to make sure we know where we're at. At some point we will get to vote on the bill. Years ago when Senator Chambers was not...was term limited out, not part of the body--the reason this comes up is that I've received several texts: Can't you control Senator Chambers, and the answer to that question is no. Many have tried, not very many have succeeded. There are points to extended debate and that is part of our process, a part of the process you should be very proud of because any one of you in this 49 body can do just this to make the points and to continue with extended debate. But when Senator Chambers left the body, it was said that a lot of bills, a lot of legislation got through without a great deal of scrutiny, and things moved too fast. Case in point. We argued for many hours on amber lights. We argued many hours on other frivolous things, usually in the second part of our biennium in terms of second session because things stack up at the beginning. And I believe that understanding the process and understanding a system, so my answer to the two texts I received, can't you control Senator Chambers, the answer is procedurally, he is exercising his right as 1 of 49. The point I guess that I'm making is that sometimes with these extended debate situations, particularly when we know we're going to be debating, it's good to have conversation about other

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things. If we can't stick to the point, then let's talk about things that are important to us. Something that's important to me, and I wanted to bring it up because I'm hoping that Senator Stinner is listening, is that once again, we are going to be confronted with a situation where policy is going to be interjected into the appropriations process. I think you all know what I'm talking about. I think that any part of policy that's injected into the appropriations process should stand alone--stand alone on its merit, on the floor so we can discuss it and not be convoluted or tied down to whether or not we spend money or appropriate money and how we appropriate that money. So I'm hoping that the Appropriations Committee understands how serious many of us are about separating appropriations processes with policy itself, and that that goes forward in a discussion on this floor in its own merit. I would be remiss if I would say that I think that that particular policy issue, which has been heard in committee, should not have been a standalone bill and gone to the committee of jurisdiction, which in my mind, because it has to do with health, would have gone to the Health and Human Services Committee. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: One minute. [LB775]

SENATOR KRIST: Thank you, Mr. President. So it's not without...it's not without merit, I think, that many of us will talk about issues during times like this that are not dilatory. They do bring issues forward. I know how Senator Chambers feels about this particular issue and the mountain lions. And I have to say, I see more mountain lion plates than I see almost any other specialty plate on the road these days. So you should be moderately proud about that, Senator Chambers. Thank you, Mr. President. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Thank you, Senator Krist. Senator Chambers, you're recognized. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, Senator Krist. You all ought to be more offended at the Governor than you are with me. He is corrupting your process. I'm not. I'm behaving according to your rules. That Governor owns some of you, and you're going to let him corrupt this process, and you go over to his office and try to say something to him, he'll kick you out of his office. There was a guy in the Parliament in England and he was in the minority, not racial, number-wise. And he referred to the majority as rats. And they got angry and they said, such language is inappropriate for this august body. And we insist that you take back that word. So the guy stood up and he smiled and he was dressed the way they were: funny shirt, funny necktie, funny coat, hair pomaded, and he looked all around where all members of the majority party were. He said, I uttered a word which those in the majority found offensive; and they insist that I take it back and use language more appropriate to this assembly. He said, the word that I used was "rats." I take it back. The word I should have used was "mice," "mice." And one of them stood up and he said, I'm sure that if you had known the sadness I feel right now, you wouldn't take us down this path. Well, by this time the lone dissenter was not about to

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hear anything that would make him back up. But this member said, I will tell you why I'm sad. My mother died this morning. What do you have to say about that? The member knew what this guy was trying to pull and he wouldn't have it. He said, I could have recommended a better veterinarian for her than the one she had. You all need to be careful when you decide that you're going to try to do something with me. All I have are words. And before I go back to Job, I want to elaborate a bit on crickets. Senator Kolterman, the other day, asked what I meant by "crickets" and why I labeled some of you all crickets. And I said, it rhymes with Ricketts but you belong to him; he orders you. There was a tyrant and he was walking through his garden and he saw a cricket and heard it chirping. You know how crickets make...I'm not going to show you. Crickets make noise, so he reached out and he caught the cricket. And in those days, all creatures great and small could speak. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: One minute. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they all spoke the same language. And the cricket looked up at the tyrant because the tyrant had opened his hand and was observing the cricket. And the cricket said, you could take my life just by closing your hand and squeezing, but I don't know why you would take my life. I have not offended you in any way. All I have is my song. And you may not like it, but my song has made a lot of long nights more bearable, less depressing, so kill me if you will. And the tyrant thought about that. He put on his tyrant thinking cap and the cricket had moved him. So the tyrant... [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Time, Senator. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...placed the cricket back where he was. Thank you, Mr. President. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Brasch, you're recognized. [LB775]

SENATOR BRASCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning, colleagues, and this is an interesting debate on the floor, and I just thought...I'm compelled to respond to Senator Krist this morning when he mentioned frivolous things like amber lights. One of the strengths of our Legislature is input from the second house, and we have public hearings. We have public hearings here where we get to hear proponents, opponents, those in neutral; and a bill does not come to this floor unless it advances out of committee or it's a pull motion. And I was here the evening with Senator Krist when we spoke of amber lights and it was not my bill, but I do recall the senator that had it. And it was in response to a group of--and it was Blair before I represented them--individuals who were part of a neighborhood watch and they were looking for a path

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forward where they could drive through neighborhoods where patrols were not made and not to be thought of as predators. They wanted a path to identify that they were part of a neighborhood watch group. Again, it was not my bill, but later through redistricting, Blair became part of my district. I recall the debate between senators at that point. But I'm trying to be careful on...as a senator when we hear many bills because they are important to someone and someone did take the time to present themselves before the Legislature, the committees at that point. And so, I say with hesitation here because when you stand up and speak, it makes you a target is what happens. Exactly. Senator Chambers is nodding his head, and so be it. But I do want to be like him, a defender of the people, a defender of the people who come and ask a senator to introduce a bill because they believe it's important and that committee had met in an Executive Session and they advanced it to the floor. And so again, we have almost 2 million people in this state with various views, various needs. When they become law, they become law statewide. And we do have statutes about lights and vehicles; and rather than bringing my computer to the case here, the lights focus around red lights, blue lights, the purpose, the vehicles they identify. So it is not out of sort for any group to request sort of a light. And that is in Chapter 60, Section 6,233 where lights are discussed and their functionality and their purpose to the public. And I just wanted to stand up and, yes, Senator Chambers teaches many lessons, very broad from the Bible to history, from the beginning of time, I think. And again, he is allowed to do that through our procedure; and I am not standing opposed to that today. But I just want to have a gentle reminder for my colleagues that when we speak of bills... [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: One minute. [LB775]

SENATOR BRASCH: ...they made it to the floor because of that same process that we encourage. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to my good colleagues here this morning. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Thank you, Senator Brasch. Senator Chambers, you're recognized. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. And it was my strenuous relentless efforts that put out the orange lights, yellow lights. They served a specific purpose and not for people in the neighborhood to have something for their club. They could have put placards on their car. They could have done a number of other things, but they wanted to give the impression they were like emergency vehicles, which they were not. But at any rate, whenever I think that something needs to be addressed on the floor, I'm going to do it. And I will use my method for doing it. If you read what some people call great literature, you will see many digressions, many things that are added that seem to have nothing to do with the story. Then if you read on, you see that that was a critical element, but you didn't think it was such, so you go back and read it again

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and you see that whoever put this puzzle out there had a place for every part. And if you understand and you interlock all the pieces correctly, then you have a panoramic picture that makes sense. But if you quit too soon, you'll be like Pilate. You'll ask somebody who knows the answer, what is truth? Then you'll walk out before he gives the answer. What I'm talking about are many things. But it all goes back to a promise I made, and that's to do everything I could. When it became clear to me that the Game and Parks Commission had in mind to try to have another hunting season for mountain lions, so they threw out a feeler. They had this guy, McCoy, and his other henchmen run around the state and pretend that they were doing scientific research, came back and said, they think there must be enough lions now to have another hunting season. Well, the...my quarry is Game and Parks. And I wouldn't care what anybody said. I wouldn't even care if you change your rules. Whatever rule you put in place it's going to apply to you, just like it does me. And if you tried to pass a rule against me so I couldn't speak, then I'd go to the federal courts because the constitution guarantees every state a republican form of government, which means representative. People elect their representatives and the Legislature itself has no right under the constitution, and a republican form of government to silence the representative of a particular group of people and the court would intervene and stop that. My name has been mentioned in federal court decisions. I'll try to find one speaking about what function the Legislature serves and the role the legislators serve and there has to be untrammelled debate. I believe in it. You all just don't have as much to say as I have to say. You just don't have the kind of convictions that I have about as many things as I have. I didn't come down here as a one-idea'd person, one idea and that's all. I'm against abortion. This man over in the office of Governor says that. That's what he talks about. But he's not against doing things that hurt children after they're here. Children can develop mental disabilities also. And when you cut those programs, you're cutting children. You all let him get away with it. But I won't. I'm like the cricket in this regard. All I have is my voice and my words, but I'm going to use them. And if he's a tyrant and he thinks he can silence me, let him do it. And I believe he knew... [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: One minute. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that that judge had been involved in sexual harassment at the time he appointed him. Now you look at the date, February 7. That's when I'm saying it and I've said it before. I asked it yesterday. What did the Governor know and when did he know it? You think it bothers him about this guy being a predator? He praises Trump. Trump is a sexual predator and if he did it in a state, he'd be on the sex offender registry. He is an unpunished sexual predator and he bragged about it. And you all follow him and the Governor talks about what an honor it is to work with him and his administration and I say it again, he demeaned the Governor's mama, and bragged about grabbing women by their genitals. That's the President of your country, a white man who is orange, a sexual predator who boasted about it. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Time, Senator. [LB775]

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Was that my third time? [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Yes, it was. You have a close left. Senator Krist, you're recognized. [LB775]

SENATOR KRIST: Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, Nebraska, again. And good morning, colleagues. I wouldn't have gotten up again, but Senator Brasch got up, so I felt compelled to talk about the reasons why I brought up the amber light bill. The process that we have here allows for carry-over bills from the first session to the second. And because moving into the second session of a legislative process means that we don't have things coming out of committee yet, those things that fell to the end of the first session, either because they weren't prioritized or because a particular senator did not get a Speaker priority or because they didn't get a committee priority, they fell to the bottom of a priority list. And that priority list will, if you look at those things, dictate what the most important things and the least important things might have been in a legislative session. I've always said that if you're smart, you will wait until the beginning of the next session and plant something on General File and prioritize it and bring it back, something of substance that we can talk about. We had such a bill of substance. We had the helmet bill that I prioritized and brought back, and whether you're for it, agin it, whatever you are, it gave us an opportunity to talk about something that was important to the people all over the state. So I will say and defend my reference to the amber light bill again. I think it might have been important to a group of people. It came through a committee process, as Senator Brasch pointed out. But in terms of a priority of statewide significance, because it wasn't prioritized in the first session, it fell to the second. I don't know how to change that in terms of process or rules or procedures. I think that's a strategic initiative on the part of each individual senator. If you have something that's important to you and you've already prioritized what you want in the first session and you can't get a priority on something, let it lay on General File and as soon as you come back, drop a priority on it, because the Speaker will take that priority, as he did with me, on the very first day on that bill. So as we're thinking about things and learning things today, because Senator Chambers is going to take time, I would offer you that suggestion. No lecturing from the old head, just a suggestion that at some point "strategery" is part of the process as well. So thank you, Mr. President. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Thank you, Senator Krist. Seeing no others in the queue, Senator Chambers, you are welcome to close. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm looking at the number of this bill, LB775. I made reference to that number yesterday when a bill was before us that had something to do with audits of those corporations that are giving...being given giveaways by the Legislature, plundering the treasury, putting a drag on the economy, crippling the revenue flow. LB775 was

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the number of the first bill that started it, and it was to help Conagra. And now that bad number is on a bill that the Game and Parks Commission wants. I fought tooth and nail against LB775 then, and mountain lions were not even an issue, and they could not be hunted. I'm using the analogy to mountain lions because they use teeth and nails, although they're referred to as fang and claw. Some people don't realize it, but cougars are descendants of saber-tooth tigers. And they were not tigers; they were more like lions. And those long tusks served a specific purpose. The people are not interested in things like that. I just throw that in because we're talking...I'm talking about a number of things. I went to Tech High and graduated, and it was supposed to be a dumb school because they taught you how to make bookends out of wood. They taught you how to make things out of metal, how to print, work in a print shop. It was a technical school. That's what the name was. But I read a lot of books and I was interested in all kinds of things. And it was not deemed to be an academic school. But I don't know that people who graduated from Central, which was supposed to be the cream of the crop in high schools in Omaha, has a better or more active brain than mine. That's my opinion. And I learned some math. I'm looking at that, the number of that amendment that I'm trying to amend. The number of that amendment is AM1723. Who in here knows what thing of significance happened in the year 1723? And if you subtract 1723 from 2018, that is 295 years ago. What happened 295 years ago in 1723? You all have education. But see, you're not interested in the things that I'm interested in, so you're not going to focus on that. Who would remember what happens in any given year if there was not some very, very significant event? You know what happened in 1723? A person was born who if he or she were alive today, would now be 295 years old. That's what happened. Think. I may as well talk about these things because nobody would pay attention... [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: One minute. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...if we talked about the bill. I don't know if there are ten people in here who know the meaning and the significance of the lines that my amendment would strike, which are 9-11. It doesn't matter because you know what you're going to do. I expect you to vote for this bill. It's a Game and Parks bill. I said I would carry it to cloture and when cloture comes, you'll vote cloture. Because you like to hear me talk, you want me to take it to cloture on Select File and on Final Reading. And by the time it gets to Final Reading, I may be in a mood to draft an amendment to ban hunting mountain lions, and I may attach it to every bill on Final Reading. And the form will be, strike original contents of this bill and substitute, and the substitution would be my amendment... [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Time, Senator. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to end mountain lion hunting. Did you say time? [LB775]

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SPEAKER SCHEER: Time, Senator, yes. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I'd ask for a call of the house and a roll call vote. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The house...there's been a request to place the house under call. The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor please vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record. [LB775]

ASSISTANT CLERK: 12 ayes, 3 nays to go under call, Mr. President. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: The house is under call. Senators, please record your presence. Those unexcused senators outside the Chamber please return to the Chamber and record your presence. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. The house is under call. The house is under call. Senators Bolz, Kuehn, Hansen, Thibodeau, Wayne, Friesen, please return to the floor. Senator Bolz, Senator Friesen, the house is under call. Please return to the floor. Senator Bolz is still not here. May we proceed, Senator Chambers? And did you request a roll call or just machine? Senator Chambers, was that a roll call or just a machine vote? [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, a roll call. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Mr. Clerk. [LB775]

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 561.) The vote is 0 ayes, 41 nays, Mr. President. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: The amendment fails. Mr. Clerk. I raise the call. [LB775]

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, priority motion. Senator Chambers would move to reconsider the vote on FA99. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Senator Chambers, you're welcome to open on your reconsideration motion. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and particularly Senator Williams, if he's here, I think he should pay attention to this next exchange. You heard me comment about bankers and banks and how Wells Fargo created a bad impression, which I didn't think should apply to all banks. Seated behind me is a banker. He's tall, I'm short.

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So he's the long of it; I'm the short of it. So if he'd yield to a question, I'd like to ask him a question or two. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Senator Clements, would you please yield? [LB775]

SENATOR CLEMENTS: Yes, Mr. President. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator "Tall," I mean, Senator Clements, did you hear me when I mentioned that something historic happened in 1723? [LB775]

SENATOR CLEMENTS: Yes. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm going to see if you're going to let down the bankers. What happened in 1723 that was of tremendous and profound significance? [LB775]

SENATOR CLEMENTS: Judge William Blackstone was born that year. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Clements. I would like to ask Senator Burke Harr a question if he would answer. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Senator Harr, would you please yield? [LB775]

SENATOR HARR: Yes. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Harr, have you heard of Blackstone? [LB775]

SENATOR HARR: Law Library...dictionary, yes. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was it a significant year when he was born? [LB775]

SENATOR HARR: Yes, because it's the same year Adam Smith was born. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We don't worry about him. He had some crazy notions that put people in horrible circumstances as far as economy, but we're not going to go into all of that. But let me ask you this. There is a road and this road is named after I suppose an Irishman, or perhaps a Scot, and it's a kind of a road. And what are the two letters that you find on the front end of

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Senator McCollister's name and Senator McDonnell's name which might be attached to the name of the person you mentioned? [LB775]

SENATOR HARR: I think it's the same as the rapper Hammer: M-C. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No. It would be attached to that name. What name did you give of somebody who was born in that year also, 1723? [LB775]

SENATOR HARR: Oh, Adam Smith. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now his first name is what? [LB775]

SENATOR HARR: Oh, Adam. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if you put M-c in front of it, what would that be as his name? [LB775]

SENATOR HARR: McAdams. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you heard of anything with that name attached which people are familiar with if they're relatively educated? [LB775]

SENATOR HARR: I guess I'm not relatively educated. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What do you call a roadway that accommodates motorized vehicles? [LB775]

SENATOR HARR: Highway? [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Uh-huh, or a roadway, right? [LB775]

SENATOR HARR: Or a roadway, yes. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you ever heard McAdams' name associated with a roadway? [LB775]

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SENATOR HARR: Just an actress, Rachel McAdams. I've only heard of Rachel McAdams. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Then I would like to ask my banker friend another question, meaning Senator Clements. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Senator Clements, would you yield? [LB775]

SENATOR CLEMENTS: Yes, Mr. President. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, Senator Clements, I had no way of knowing what name that Senator Harr was going to give; but as soon as he did, you heard me go through what I went through. Are you familiar with the name McAdam and what it is attached to? [LB775]

SENATOR CLEMENTS: I have heard of McAdam being related to like asphalt paving, roadways. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Two for two. Thank you, Senator Clements. Two for two. That's pretty good, isn't it? But who made it all possible? Who was able to take 1723 and subtract it from 2018 and get 295 to distract you and then tell you that that long ago if somebody was alive today, he'd be 295 years old? But there was something else that I wanted to get to and we got to it. That's how you hold people's interest. Not talking about Game and Parks Commission or engineers or architects. If I wanted to impress you all, I would talk to you about the soil in Chicago and how it would not in its natural state accommodate the large skyscrapers that they have now. The type of construction that they had to deal with because the soil, after you get a certain depth, is very soupy, it's muddy like. And that will not support a skyscraper, yet they have skyscrapers. How did they do it? There were architects and engineers who figured it out. Why am I aware of that? Because I read all kind of things that have absolutely no practical value whatsoever. But when I'm curious about something, I follow that curiosity. That brings me to the incomplete statement, "curiosity killed the cat." The statement is: curiosity killed the cat's ignorance. Curiosity is the first step on the journey to knowledge and wisdom, so it did not kill the cat. It killed the cat's ignorance. I was talking the last time about a number of things and it led Senator Brasch to bring up, as she often does, the second house, which is what the public are referred to as being. She talked about the hearings that people have here. Well, I've heard about some strange things going on in committee hearings. Now Senator Larson is somewhere. I was critical of the fact that at one point he was...he'd be chowing down. He's the chairman of the committee and you're talking, he's picking up a sandwich from Jimmy John or someplace, rattling papers, dropping breadcrumbs all over his front, and then washing it down with a can of soda water--chairperson of a committee. What kind of dignity is that? And you heard Senator

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Groene sarcastically say Senator Larson got 31 votes to be chair, so that means he's the most popular person here. He was being sarcastic. Some people didn't realize that. And yet, Senator Larson has led you all down a primrose path. He's the one who led you to kill my prairie dog bill, but I prioritized it. It'll come back again. I'm not angry now. I'm irritated to what you did. But if you kill that bill, I will be angry. The "Bible" said it is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of an angry God. You don't even know if there is a God or not. But it's a terrible thing to fall into the hands of an angry senator who knows how to use the rules to get even. I read something in the paper about this person called Larson. I read that he's the chairperson of a committee and that's what I had heard before. And I heard...I can't say with my ears. When I say I heard, that means it's hearsay. I didn't witness it. But I read that he was in the room where his bill was coming up for a hearing and he didn't present it. He sat in the chairperson's chair and had a staff member introduce his bill to his committee. I wish Senator Brasch was here. I'd ask her, is that respectful? Forget about the chair. Forget he doesn't know anything. Forget the committee members. What about the public? What would they think when the chairperson sits in the chair and a staff person tries to answer the questions that committee members have about that bill? What are they to do? Sit mute because he's a fool and is making everybody else look like a fool? Some people might want... [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: One minute. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...at least their questions in the record to show that they had issues with that bill. It had some controversial provisions, so he's not man enough to present it. He sent his staff up there, and the staff member obviously couldn't answer questions about the bill. It wasn't his bill. That's what Larson did, one of your leaders. You all elected him. You all won't say anything about these people on the floor. I will because it's a shame on the Legislature as an institution. You all run around here trying to stop me from saying what I've got to say, but then when one of your members who is a chairperson does like that, you're as quiet as mice. You don't think anything is peculiar about that? I do. And while I'm taking time to talk, I'm going to talk about things that do pertain to the Legislature. Thank you, Mr. President. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Thank you, Mr. Chambers. Mr. Clerk. [LB775]

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, an announcement. Urban Affairs will be holding an Executive Session now in room 2022. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Visitors introduced.) Going back to discussion. Senator Chambers, you're recognized. [LB775]

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm hallucinating. I thought about a story of Goldilocks. Didn't she say somebody was sleeping in her bed and there he is? Well, I was talking about Senator Larson and I thought I saw Senator Larson, but I must have been hallucinating. I was going to say, and there he is, that I can make people materialize. I guess nobody else sees him too. Well, I'm 80 years old. Maybe the imagery that I'm creating is so powerful that I actually see what I'm talking about. And maybe that would make me a good writer; because once I create a fictitious world, I become a part of it. And being a part of it, I can convey the feelings, the emotions that people in that fictitious world are feeling. And people would read it and they'd say, wow, I never read a book that was like this. But anyway, here is what I was saying about him. And I did tell you he's someplace. Maybe he is, (singing) somewhere over the rainbow. They had a drug. It was called a psychedelic drug. And when you think of something, the term "psychedelic," you think about all these different flashing colors. But I will resume what I was saying before I hallucinated. I was talking about the hearings. I wanted to talk about Job so that you'd get the end of that story. Scratching these worms were coming out of the sores and that's when these three guys came who were his friends and they talked to him, and to make a long story short--you can find the story in the "Bible"--they were condemning Job. He must have done something wrong or this wouldn't happen to him. The point of that discussion, I think, was to let people know bad things happen to people who can be good people. Because all things come from God and God is temperamental and probably deranged. When I was taking philosophy at Creighton, a Jesuit school, they said God can't be evil. There is no evil in God. Yet the "Bible," which is supposed to be the word of God, talks about an evil spirit sent by God, an evil spirit from God that afflicted King Saul and made him crazy. And King Saul knew that music would help him. So he told his people that he wanted them to find a clever musician so they could help him when this evil spirit descended on him. And they found little David. And that's where the song came, "Little David, Play on Your Harp." David was a clever musician and when he played the harp, music can soothe the savage breast. The evil spirit sent from God lifted from Saul and left him alone. So who are you going to believe? The people who say there can be nothing evil about God or the Bible, which talked about the evil spirit sent by God? The evil spirit from God. Pay attention to the lyricist who is a part of that team. One played music. He was a composer, a writer, arranger. The other was the lyricist. One of them died young. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: One minute. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The one who played music lived a longer time. Their last name was Gershwin, George and Ira Gershwin. And the lyricist wrote: The things that you're liable to read in the Bible, they ain't necessarily so. So which is not necessarily so? The part of there being, you all say, no evil in God. But the "Bible" said the evil spirit from God, that God sent. But what difference does it make to any of us? What difference does it make to anybody except people who argue about things that go nowhere and mean nothing? The thing that's important is

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that you need to learn how to treat people and you don't need prayer books, preachers, bibles or anything else to tell you that. How do you want somebody to treat you? And that's the way you should treat them, if you're sane. Now if you're a masochist... [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Time, Senator. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Krist, you're recognized. [LB775]

SENATOR KRIST: Thank you, Mr. President. Again, good morning, colleagues, and good morning, Nebraska. Once again, continuing on with the education hour, I've received about a half a dozen e-mails as a result of this debate and some of the things we've talked about. This one on point, on subject: Dear Senator Krist, have been listening, and I quote, Dear Senator Krist, have been listening to the debate on LB775 and at times I have issue with some of the things that Game and Parks does. They do a lot of good things. I have issues with others. I have been...I'm paraphrasing. I'll quote now. I have been a hunter education instructor since 1987. What I don't understand is that Game and Parks commissioners are appointed by the Governor. To the best of my knowledge, almost everyone else that spends taxpayers' dollars are elected. So for those of you who will be around here next year, if you take that point, this person says, I think Game and Parks commissioners should be elected. I have to answer to the voters as a county supervisor. I'll not use his name because I don't have permission to do that, but I think the point should be well taken. We've had this discussion before, and again, I will not be here next year, but for someone who wants to tackle this issue, it might be a good piece of legislation and it might be a good discussion for you to have. And with that, I'll yield the balance of my time to Senator Chambers. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Senator Chambers, 3:30, and you're next in the queue, so we'll just run it concurrently so you get 8 minutes. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, Senator Krist, and I thank the person who sent that to you because I've been intending to offer a bill that would break up the state into districts and elect the Game and Parks Commission members by district. I didn't offer it this year because I wouldn't be able to get to it; it's a short session. But going along with what you mentioned before, I will offer it at the beginning of next year because that's a two-year operation. And if I don't get it the first year, it will carry over. And I've said that that's what I intend to do, and I do because I don't think that these people ought to be appointed. First of all, you see how bad the Governor's judgment is. He appointed a state trooper because somebody in his administration said--she goes to the same church he does--and he's a good guy even though

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he had all kind of things against him, sexist and other things. The Governor appointed him; he had to fire him. He appointed this judge to the Nebraska Supreme Court who recently had to quit because he was engaging in sexual harassment. I look at the people that he put on the Game and Parks Commission and I will judge them by the kind of people he's appointed elsewhere, and they're not fit to be there. So I do have a tentative map drafted, but I will have another one drawn next year so that I will have the populations that will be more permanent and enduring and I will offer that bill. The Governor appoints people who can do something to help him. They're political appointments. Animals are part of the natural resources of this state. Cougars, mountain lions, panthers, they're indigenous to Nebraska and they were here before they were decimated by the white hunters. They came back in the early 1900s. These animals will be seen by some people in what they call great numbers because they don't know the ways of mountain lions. Nebraska is a transit state. Mountain lions pass through Nebraska. They pass through Nebraska. They don't linger here. But when these dumbbells kill a mother, then her kittens, just like young children--say they're teenagers so they will survive--they have not been taught what the mother would teach these young mountain lions. When you see several of them together, it's a mother and her kittens. Mountain lions don't form a pride. There will be a dominant male in a territory, and you will not have a lot of young males there because he drives them out. He will drive them out. Others passing through from some of the surrounding states may not know he's there and they come there, they say linger along, then die you must. But those young males are not crazy. When they see him and hear his voice express opposition, they disperse. And what the mother will do is make them disperse. She won't let them live and sponge off her like these people do who have college-age children who come back home. They won't get a job. They're going to mooch off their parents. Not a mother mountain lion. They got to get out and make it on their own; and if they don't kill her, she will have taught them how to make it on their own, and livestock is not what they fancy. Let's say there are 50 mountain lions as the Game and Parks people are alleging. Why are there not savage attacks decimating cattle herds, killing all the deer, eating little lambs? Mary had a little lamb until a mountain lion ate him up. That's crazy. And Game and Parks knows it. They're not telling the truth and they are not making scientific or drawing scientific conclusions. There is a tremendous amount of research on mountain lions. There are scientists who could tell these people at Game and Parks in Nebraska how to manage the few lions they got here if they need managing, and it's not by means of a hunting season. So anytime something from Game and Parks come, I'm going to take all the time that I can. And if every bill is dealing with Game and Parks, I'm going to take all of the time of the whole session. In fact, it was my persistence in dealing with mountain lions that led your Governor to say he was going to form a coalition in the Legislature so that the Legislature wouldn't be talking about mountain lions. And I wrote him a letter and said maybe if he'd spend more time paying attention to his job than trying to run the Legislature, they'd find a way to get some drugs to execute people without trying to import illegal drugs. And these senators fall for it. Why do I talk about Larson, wherever he is, and the way he carries on as the chair of a committee? Because people think what happens in that committee is what the Legislature is about. He's the

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microcosm, the small one, the paradigm, the example of what the rest of you all are. The chairpersons ought to be upset about that. And then Senator Kuehn, poor Senator Kuehn is trying to set up an ethics committee, which I'll fight tooth and nail. I look at the kind of people who would be on it. The people in here, they shouldn't have that kind of power. They'd be dictated to by the Governor and the "Repelican" party. The "Repelican" party engineered the challenge to my residency. And they went up in a shout when it was made known that that's what they intended to do. All of them against one man, and I'm still standing, huh? And a lot of times in here, I'm the only man standing because I will not sit down. I will not walk around white men and lower my eyes, put my head down, and act like I live because they give me permission to live. No. And I'll look them in their face and in their eye; and if they want a staredown, they'll look away first. They're used to intimidating people, intimidating women, sexually harassing women. And if you say anything, I'll get you fired. And not only will I get you fired, you will never get another job. And then these other white men say, well, why don't these women say something? And they are harassers and know how they intimidate these people, and white men are intimidated on their jobs too. Why do you think they pass laws to protect what they call whistle-blowers? Because white men are afraid to tell the truth about things that are going on in an operation that shouldn't go on because they know they'll be fired by the white man they're complaining against for not doing his job. When white men and women come to me, they're complaining to me about something a white man is doing to them, a white judge, a white sheriff, a white police chief, a white cop,... [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: One minute. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...a white boss. Why do they come to me? How much time do I have, Mr. President? [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: 50 seconds. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How much time will I have if I'm recognized again? [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Five minutes. [LB775]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then I'm going to donate those 40-some seconds that I have left. [LB775]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Might be a mistake. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk. [LB775]

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ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, items for the record. Committee on Transportation reports LB900 to General File with amendments. Enrollment and Review reports LB936, as well as LB710, to Select File. Priority bill designations: Retirement Committee designates LB1005 and LB548. Amendments to be printed: Senator Brewer to LB752; Senator Morfeld to LB757. Name adds: Senator Erdman to LB127; Senator Kolowski to LB838; Senator McCollister to LB974 and LB975; Senator Krist to LB1133. (Legislative Journal pages 561-564.) [LB900 LB936 LB710 LB1005 LB548 LB752 LB757 LB127 LB838 LB974 LB975 LB1133]

And priority motion, Senator Stinner would move to adjourn until Thursday, February 8, at 9:00 a.m.

SPEAKER SCHEER: You heard the motion to adjourn. All those in favor please say aye. All those opposed say nay. And the ayes have it. We are adjourned.