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PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, as Senator Chambers correctly stated there has been more than a little tussling over this race for about six months, and during the period of time that it has been going on I get to feeling good one day and maybe a little overly concerned another day and even worry at night about it sometimes, and when I do I try to solve the problem by thinking back about twenty years when I was a kid hitchhiking around the world and I went to a place called, among other places, called Mallorca. It is a little island out in the ocean somewhere. There is a town called Palma there. There is a huge cathedral there, and I walked into this big cathedral one day and was looking around and in the very back, you can go see it today I suspect, there is a corner and there is a huge skeleton, a full human skeleton, hanging there, and underneath it is written something like this, translated, "As you are now so once was I. As I am now you soon shall be, so if you get too proud just think of me." Fifty years from now Maurrie Kremer, Bobby Clark, Johnny DeCamp, aren't going to be too much more than, if anything, a footnote in some probably not too well read history of Nebraska, and so anytime we all get to taking ourselves too serious we had better think as I do as I say about that, and yes the race doesn't mean that much and so on and so forth. But then there is another side to it. Fifty or a hundred years from now...water legislation passed this year, tax legislation passed this year, energy legislation passed or failed this year, finance legislation that we deal with this year, that is going to be having an impact. Yes, we will be skeletons somewhere, or dust, whatever, but the things we do here this year are going to be of major importance and I would say in all honesty and I think most of you would agree this is the year when we are going to have to face up to the bunches of legislation of major importance that have been coming down the pike. The Public Works Committee, the Banking Committee, each one of these committees has worked three, four, five years on some of the things that they are going to be dealing with. I would not dream, quite frankly, of telling Maurrie Kremer, Maurrie, I am running for Public Works though I have never served on the committee, though I have not been working on your projects, I would like to take over the committee tomorrow for whatever reasons. I am supporting Maurrie and everybody that is a committee chairman for a reason because they have been working on these things. We have major things in Banking. Bill, I am sure, is as capable and skilled in the area of banking, commerce and insurance as anybody in the world, but the facts are he has been here one year and