

I tried to tell the Public Works Committee about a highway project that is going to destroy the black community, I can't get any serious consideration for that because it does not count. It does not mean anything but it means something to me and it means something to the people that I represent. I understand what happened yesterday and the rest of you understand too. I am not surprised and neither are you. This is a nation which will treat its own citizens far worse than a foreign country would think about treating the citizens of this country. Were I treated in all instances no worse than the hostages were treated in Iran, my condition might be improved perceptibly. Now you are going to take a bill because Senator DeCamp wants it.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And because other measures have now been taken care of through trading, and we all know it, you are going to run this thing through. I will tell you what. I wish that Senator DeCamp and the other people on the Public Works Committee that I talked to will come to Omaha this summer and help me pick up some pieces that you won't prevent from being broken in the first place. That is what I wish you would do. But you play games in the Legislature because you reinforce for each other in this room what you want to hear and you pretend that what you hear in this room is what is happening out there in the streets but it is not. Why won't you come through the street and face the people that you do so much damage to? Because you fear that the same thing that happened to the President might befall you and it is not because people primarily are criminals. It is because people are made to feel that this is the only thing that public officials will respond to and until the attitudes of the public officials change, until the circumstances that breed violence on the part of citizens are dealt with, you can expect this kind of thing over and over and over and you know it.

SENATOR CLARK: Your time is up, Senator Chambers. Senator Haberman. Senator Haberman, do you want to talk? Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the House is cease debate. All those in favor say aye, vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Record.