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about obstructionists, remember how the conservatives back with Senator Beutler tried to do at the beginning of the session to delay and delay so that you could do away with the unlimited bill proposition. Remember that, Senator Lamb, Senator Kahle and some of the others? It depends on who is using the process, doesn't it? Senator DeCamp and I did vote against this procedure of priority bills because I have been here 11 years and I know that we say all these things in advance, but it never works when we get down to the crunch the way it is outlined in the beginning. Now, I would have to ask the question that has puzzled some of the reporters, and they ask it, who moved to adjourn yesterday? Senator DeCamp. And he honestly explained why he moved to adjourn when he had opposed it before. The people that supported the bill were gone so he didn't want to stay here and discuss the bill until my motion was disposed of. He moved to adjourn. He cut off the discussion of his bill. So that should put one or two things in perspective. When he indicated that Omaha might make up one-third of Nebraska, the Omahans should keep that in mind so when he talks about distributing the money to the political subdivisions, he has already told you what the formula breakdown ought to be. Now, Senator DeCamp did not need to offer these particular bills as his own priorities because he knew that would be taken care of, and for him to stand up there naively and innocently, apparently naively and innocently, pretend that these bills were just pulled out of the hopper and they had nothing to do with his influence down here, is something that nobody on this floor accepts. Now, the complaints that are being made as to how I proceed are going to be made again and again and again. But what I wish you would do is try to be correct and accurate when you attribute things to me. I have not said I will obstruct in every instance where I disagree with something. I have simply voted against a lot of propositions. But if the issue is serious enough, I tell you this, I will use every means available to the rules to defeat that proposition. Now, I am not the one who put a 30 minute time limit on these other bills that get a second hearing and thereby make it possible to kill them with three amendments. The Chairman did it, and you want to support him. So support him on that too. You have got to distinguish between personalities and substance and that's what I do. The difference between me and a lot of people in here is, I say what I have got to say on the floor of the Legislature and for the record. Now, there were some of you running around here grumbling on the floor about LB 40 being moved up, and you know who you are. So don't come to me with any more complaints about

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