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how Senator DeCamp manipulates this and how Senator DeCamp maneuvers that. Johnny, I say, do it to them one more time, and again and again and again. And don't any of you bring that stuff to me. You get what you deserve, and I think in this instance we are not getting what we deserve, at least I am not getting what I feel I deserve. If the Speaker takes a position that I disagree with, that is not going to stop my mouth and make me sit down and go grumbling off to somebody else. I am going to oppose it at the time that that judgment is taken. And in this instance I think it is not proper. Remember, LB 40 did get a vote and it did not move. LB 40 was being discussed and there was only one amendment that I had up on the board and it was being discussed. And then the introducer, Senator DeCamp, moved to adjourn. And he played the system because he admitted to the reporters the only reason he did that was because he didn't have the supporters he needed here. So let's stop being so sanctimonious and self-righteous and pretending that I am the only one who knows how to make use of the rules and the system to accomplish a goal that I have in mind. Mr. Chairman, I think you and I both know the direction this vote is going to go, but that crushing defeat which will be administered on this issue may not really be a defeat for me. It may not really be striking against me at all. It may be showing the public something about this system and something about this Legislature. And when we can stand up here and talk about how we like somebody and trust somebody and therefore whatever that somebody does is right, then I think we are abdicating our responsibility because we are making judgments on a false and improper basis. Now, I have spoken as much as I think I can on this bill...on this motion. I don't expect to change anybody's mind. But I am advising you to remember very well what is stated this day because we have a lot more days before us before this session is over and I am going to get a copy of the debate that we had on this issue, and I think that if we have a situation where maybe an 882 is going across and somebody sees it's unconstitutional and tries to wake the Legislature up, you will suspend the rules and stop that person. If there is a 205 again and I am opposed to it, suspend the rules and stop me. Then when your issue comes up, we will suspend the rules and stop you too. But I'll tell you who the winners will be, the politicians in Omaha, the bankers, the loan brokers, the other special interest groups who do have the power and the means to move the Legislature in the direction they choose. But no matter how many times I am voted down, and no matter by what overwhelming majority, and no matter how irritated you get with what I say, I intend to say what I

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