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DeCamp I did about the marching orders and I know what language means and when I select words I choose them on purpose. But it is amazing to me that somebody can be so upset when a question is phrased in ordinary English, then resort to the kind of language that Senator DeCamp did on the floor. So I think we ought to again strip away all of the sham, stop pretending that a question phrased in a certain way is what is upsetting and realize that we got caught in a trick by trying to have little secret meetings and little private groupings and working out deals that were going to be handed to the rest of the Senators who were supposed to sit by and docilely go along with it. I will not, and anytime I see what I think is a misuse of this system, I am going to stand up and call attention to it. I want the record to be very clear because there will be a future occurrence when these things will be looked upon again, and I don't want to be a part of any of what has happened. But there is one thing that I want to mention to Senator Schmit about these bills being tied together. Senator Schmit, I have been under the impression that certain Senators voted based on principle and so forth. I saw how they voted on the sales tax bill. Then when certain other things were worked on the Vet College, then they switched their votes. So this is why I say the issues have been tied together and it makes no difference to me how many disclaimers are made. I have been in this Legislature ten years and I know that people can say I am voting on principle for the news media and the news media can swallow it and the public can be deceived but I know that principle has nothing to do with it whatsoever and that trades and deals are the reason that the votes changed and I am going to have to call attention to it everytime no matter how upset anybody gets. This one thing I will mention and then I will be through at this point. Senator DeCamp, in trying to get the body to let LB 40 get additional consideration argued that Omaha is one-third of Nebraska, therefore, it ought not be ignored. Then when Senator Newell on this LB 284 monstrosity tries to bring some equity in the distribution formula, suddenly Omaha being one-third of Nebraska goes out the window and it means nothing. That is why I say we are dealing in hypocrisy, we are dealing in flimflam and the issue is how much each group is going to get for the area they represent, and if we could draw the issue in those terms, then we would know what kind of fight we are in. There will be kicking, gouging, kneeling to the groin, punching out eyeballs, pulling off ears, and everything else and we can go ahead and have at it. We all know, Senator DeCamp, you and I know each other probably better than any two people in this Legislature. We know what the issues are and we know how the fight is going to be waged.