

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let's say that I am a thief, a cutthroat and a robber but people want to put me in office. Maybe my constituency is composed of thieves, cutthroats and robbers and if the mediocre have a right to representation on the Supreme Court, thieves, cutthroats and robbers have the right to representation in the Legislature because they are people.

SENATOR NICHOL: Before we go to the next speaker, Senator Hefner has some guests in the South balcony. They are 19 eighth grade students from St. Rose School in Crofton, Nebraska. Their teachers are Sister Charlotte and Sister Helen. Would you please recognize them. Thank you for visiting your Legislature. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it is getting close to noon. I thought I would tell you a story, a true story. I came home the other night kind of late, walked in the house and I could see my wife was a little bit owly. I couldn't quite figure out why. She was kind of not talking too much and I said something about, "What seems to be the problem?" And she said, "Huh, I don't like cow meat." And I said, "What?" She said, "You Americans," and she is one now as of yesterday, she said, "You think cow meat is the only thing." I said, "What do you mean? What is all this about cows?" Well finally she kind of broke down and told me she had been in a discussion group with some gals that day and they were talking about customs in her country and one of them said, "I heard you eat dogs over there." And she said, "Yes, yes, we eat dogs. They are kind of good." And then she said, "And rats are even better." Well all the gals acted kind of squeamish and "yeachh," you know. She was really kind of put out, didn't know how to react and she said, "Why?" And they said, "Well I can't imagine people eating dogs and rats and cats and such things." And she said, "You know, I have been thinking about this all day. There is a lot more people in the world to eat a dog now and then than have access to a cow." And she said, "Just because you people here in America, Europeans, are absolutely convinced that cow meat is it, does not mean that dog meat is that bad either." She said, "You always think in your own framework of thought. What is right for you is right for everybody and nothing else is right." So what has cow meat, dog meat and rat meat got to do with anything? Well it set me to thinking and I was trying to think. My good friend Senator Wesely, my good friend Senator Hoagland, my very good friend Senator Beutler, they have the best minds, lawyers minds and they are young and they have been educated and they have all the answers as to what is right for campaigning. What constitutes campaigning? If you doubt it, you check with them. It is a yard sign, it