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the Legislature at all. If Senator Labeledz would allow me, I would bring up her bill that she loves so much, LB 483, that helped Falstaff. She stated and others stated that those people wanted to go to court and resolve the issue. What I said, Senator DeCamp, from my understanding of the law ~~that~~ if the Legislature changes the law that does away with the idea of an active controversy. The issue is rendered moot and the court will not give a decision and that this guy out there, Kalmanowitz, if he had a lawyer who had been to law school would certainly know this, so he is not even telling the truth when he said he wanted to go to court. As it turns out, Senator DeCamp and others within the sound of my voice, I was right and the Lancaster County Judge said the issue was moot and it is not going to go to court. So there was no intent or desire to have a court determination of that issue. It was a political matter and it was handled in a political fashion. We are dealing now not with the issue of constitutionality but politics pure and simple, raw politics, if you will. We will find out on the vote coming up whether enough people have decided to cave in and switch political positions on this particular issue and go to the other side. That is all the vote means. Though there may be principles involved, there will be none involved in the vote, and I am going to sit and watch with great interest but I won't be surprised as the votes change. In the Legislature you can have the best of all possible worlds. I can play like I am for Senator Newell. Steve can play like he is against him. But in reality, both of us are against him. So I say, Steve, in order that I can keep faith with Dave and look pretty good, I am going to vote for him, but now you make sure you get enough votes so that this proposition won't make it, then after his loses and I have looked good because I voted for him, then our side is going to come out and say, now you ought to accept the other side, and I can now jump the fence graciously and say, well, this was now the best of all possible worlds, so that is the position I am taking. What I am attempting to do many times on the floor of the Legislature is give a view of how I perceive things on this floor so that some of the self-righteousness....

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR DeCAMP:some of the front we try to project to the public of being concerned about their welfare, will be stripped away, and they will know that at least some of us are aware of what is really going on and that we will state it. Now that Senator DeCamp is back, I think