

to Select File so when we, ourselves, want to do something, it is all right. If you have lined up votes or if you feel that it is an issue that nobody wants to talk about, it just happens by a roll of the dice that it doesn't take you very long. Other people have issues that because of the controversial nature of them, require some discussion. I also am troubled that when Senator Clark is in the Chair and an issue is going away that he does or does not want it to go, then he will rule that there has been enough debate or that there hasn't because I heard it the other day. Somebody called the question. I think Senator Haberman objected and the issue was one that Senator Clark was interested in so he said, I am going to rule that there hasn't been enough debate, but on others when far fewer people had talked, he said, well I am going to let there be a vote on the question. So there has been manipulation from the Chair and I have to say as I usually do at least once during the session, the rest of you can sit quietly, be intimidated and accepted but I won't. There is favoritism in this Legislature and you watch it and you can see it. So when the Lieutenant Governor had decided to use this tactic I had offered a motion up there to return the bill to committee. That would have ensured some of us who wanted the opportunity to address the issue the opportunity to do so. There are a multitude of attempts to silence people on this floor and some will consent to being silenced but I won't and on this issue I am in favor of Senator Beutler's motion and I had determined that I was going to be heard. There have been misstatements or misinformation given to this Legislature relative to this matter as it pertains to Omaha. There is what is known as an industrial tract out by the airport in Omaha where Cummins Engine Company had thought about erecting a plant. Now Senator Goodrich, I don't know if he has made reference to that plant but I know that former Mayor Veys, I am glad he is former, and a lot of other politicians from Omaha had said that were there a bill like this in place where sales taxes would be forgiven on the installation of new equipment that plant would have established there. Anybody who says that is telling a lie because Cummins Engine Company said they would not build a plant there because by it being near the river the soil is too weak to support the heavy type of industry that Cummins would be interested in carrying out. The reason this information came out, the mayor and some politicians from the Legislature had tried to tie that Cummins Company in with the construction of the North Freeway saying that if the freeway were in place Cummins Company would have located there. I have called directly to the company because I don't trust Omaha politicians and sure enough, the individual in charge of locating plants said the freeway had nothing to do with it