

directly relevant to 472 but I will find a way to make them relevant. You know when Ernie stood up and talked about those four motions, John stood up and said, look, we've got our thirty votes. Come on now. Be fair. There is a word in the English language, oxymoron. Oxymoron is an English grammar term. It is where you put two things back to back to be expressive but, in fact, those two things are contradictory like burning ice or like roaring silence or like military intelligence, Peter says, or jumbo shrimp. I think John DeCamp and "be fair" is an oxymoron. Okay? What I am talking about is saying to us, hey, be fair with us because we've got our thirty votes. Come on now, let that legislative majority roll. Give us a chance. Take your motions off. Come on. We've got our thirty votes. Let us roll. And in turn we have to say, you be fair. You, thirty votes, be fair to the people who gave you and entrusted to you the Unicameral system, a system of government that is different than a two house because, number one, it saves money and, number two, it is open and accountable but it is not designed to act like we are acting today. It is not designed to do what we are doing here right now and, believe me, I've got all the will in the world it takes, until you silence not only Senator Chambers but myself and the other objectors to the way we are acting today and I will be here on every one of those motions and I hope you are ready too because, believe me, I know what you feel like. You want to get out of here. You want to go take a shower. You want to go have a drink. You don't feel very good right now. You want this to come to an end and come to a vote, so you can turn your back on it? And so you can act on Tuesday like you stood tall today. Well I don't think so. Believe me, I am here as long as it takes to show what a charade we are making of the process that we have been entrusted with and I have never filibustered before but, believe me, today I am going to because I have no qualms taking you to task, taking to the floor with any of the rules that you give me to do that if you are going to treat the rules the way you have done it. Now Senator Stoney asks in a pleading way for the consideration of the people that are involved with LB 472. He says, they are only asking for the right to worship. That is not true. Today they are asking for special treatment. That is what they are here for on LB 472. Now it wouldn't be that way if they had a bill in the process from the first of the year. I could understand it as justification. I could understand why he could stand and say, they are only asking for the chance to recognize their worship, but what they are asking for today is for this Legislature to do a back flip, a double back flip, to rewrite laws rather than to have them apply, to ignore a lawbreaker, to turn its back and say, listen, we were kidding. We didn't really mean those laws we passed. We didn't really mean it when we put it them on books. First chance we get to test them, we will take them