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morning should be willing to assume whatever consequences there are to bear for such a matter. So in order that this matter can be properly discussed as it was not discussed up until now, I am asking that you reconsider the vote that you just gave to kill the bill. There is information available. Despite the fact that you were flooded literally by me with information during the summer, during the fall and winter and into this session, I know you haven't had the opportunity or probably the inclination to read a lot of it, so much of it I can state orally for you. I am asking that you reconsider the vote, undo what has been done and give me the opportunity to further discuss this matter with you. However, my expectations... Mr. Chairman, how much time do I have? Because I don't want to go over.

SENATOR CLARK: You have six minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, and I am not going to take the whole six minutes. I think it would be nonproductive. The dye has been cast. But I will tell you this, when your constituents come to me with problems, I am going to send those letters and those constituents to you including the letters where they write to me and name some of you and say, this one won't do anything. I am going to send it to you and I am going to send copies to the news media to show how many of your people come to me to represent them, but you can't show me all of these things Senator Newell is talking about and Senator Goodrich is talking about in terms of overwhelming support for this road. He served on a Task Force. They asked me to serve on it, but the meetings were early in the morning when I was down here working, and I made that objection, and they didn't change the time of the meetings. So they had a bunch of white people, some Uncle Toms who were paid to say everything that they wanted to have said. They have got organizations in Omaha, poor people, and they tell them if you say what we want you to say, we will make sure you get some money to rehab your house. As far as the wonderful housing that Senator Newell is talking about that people have been moved into, some of these houses are like the revolving plan. A poor family goes into it and they are given a bit of additional money supposedly to make up the difference between what their house was worth and what this new one will cost but they can't pay the taxes or the utilities and they lose the house back to the trickster who sold it to them, then another family is moved in. Their money is expended, they move out and another family moves in, and eventually several families have gone through this house, the money has gone to the owner and the house stays in the possession of the one who originally had it.

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