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LR 214

Unicameral. Senator Chambers, are you ready to start the roll call? The Clerk will call the roll if we can have it quiet, please, so we can hear the response. The question is the indefinite postponement of the resolution.

CLERK: (Read the roll call vote as found on pages 605 and 606 of the Legislative Journal). 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to indefinitely postpone the resolution.

SENATOR CLARK: The resolution is indefinitely postponed. The Call is raised. Motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers moves to reconsider the vote in killing LR 214.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, somethings...some battles are never won. Some lessons are never learned, and some people never get tired. I fit into the latter category. There are principles that are very important to me and I will go to the mat on those principles. Now I have been told that if I persist in what I am doing on this issue of the North Freeway, all the bills I have in the Legislature will be killed. So what. I will offer them next year. Call the question everytime I speak. So what. I will speak on your issues and talk them to death and you will have to call the question on your own issues. So you are not going to be able to silence me. You will hear what I have got to say whether you like it or not. But I am going to tell you something on this issue. Who best understands what the federal government is going to do? Ronald Reagan and Drew Lewis. In case some people don't know, Ronald Reagan is the President of the United States. Drew Lewis is the Secretary of Transportation. Who better knows what is going to happen with the federal government? President Reagan and Secretary of Transportation, or a member of the Nebraska Legislature? Now I ask you, who better knows? So a person on the floor of the Legislature tells you, I don't care what Reagan said, I don't care what Drew Lewis said, I have got the inside scoop. I don't care if David Stockman says there will have to be cuts here and have to be cuts there and that the highway program is a fertile field for cutting. He doesn't care that Stockman says that. Who is Stockman? He is only the President's alter ego. He is only the person who wrote all the words in the President's budget message. But Stockman doesn't

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