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happen to be in the Chair, but if you want to go on and stand at Ease and let them have their meeting and let them dictate to you what they are going to do, you can do it, but I am going to plot my course independently of that action and when I say plot I mean it in every sense of the word and the only way you will stop me is to say openly, Chambers, because you are here, we are not going to observe a single rule as the Acting Speaker has done with reference to two resolutions that I have had pending. He refuses to schedule them. That has not happened to a white senator in this body. Now he can like me or hate me but I want it made publicly known this session that this is one of the worst operating things that I have seen since I have been down here. The session has fallen into a shambles, rules mean nothing. There is total disorder and chaos, but the reason you don't call it chaos is because white people are doing it. But imagine what it looks like to me sitting here who am supposed to be lawless watching this breakdown in the authority. I say that to you and if the Speaker does not schedule my resolutions, I am going to bring it up Tuesday. Every time you have any matter for discussion I am going to bring it up. I am going to take a point of personal privilege. I am going to call you racists, bigots, ignoramuses, dunderheads and whatever else. While I am speaking I have this final thing to say. This morning Senator Hefner said, the way Senator Chambers is shooting his mouth off today he must have brushed his teeth with gunpowder. Well, all I can say is this.

PRESIDENT: Half a minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hefner must have a bullet proof head because not one of the things that I shot at him made a dent of any kind.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would suggest that we work through this Gordian knot in public and not in private and remain in session. I also want to indicate my preference for staying through and working out this problem right now, or as a second but also acceptable alternative that we lay down a procedure that will allow a reasonable amount of debate and discussion and eventually a vote on the merits on LB 816 at the very beginning of Tuesday morning. Let me defer a question to Senator Lamb. As Acting Speaker, do you have a suggestion at this point, Senator Lamb, for how we should proceed?

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