

come to him and use him don't have the proper regard and respect for him that they should have based on what he is willing to do, that they will use him and cast him aside. So that reminds me of the old story they always tell of the frozen serpent who was put in the bosom of the individual. As soon as the body warmth had thawed the serpent, the serpent bit the individual and as the person died, the person said, "How could you have done this to me." And you all know what the serpent said, "You knew what I was when you took me into your bosom." So when you are down here in the Legislature dealing with lobbyists and politicians you know that you are dealing on shifting sand, that what was said last year has no validity this year. The agreement that is signed today has no validity tomorrow. So we are now seeing these things come into play but on this particular issue as I listened to the discussion upstairs it seemed that there was a struggle to determine who would be the alpha male of the Legislature in the last few days of the session. Maybe this vote will determine it, maybe it won't but whatever happens this will not be the end of the world. Night will fall and dawn will break tomorrow and as Ray Charles says, while dawn is breaking you can't wait for your ham and bacon, or eggs and bacon, but the solution to it all is to have that Maxwell House, the good refreshing flavor of Maxwell House coffee. That will make everything look better. Everybody will be calmed down. The troubled waters that seem so threatening this evening will seem as nothing tomorrow. A week after the session is over it will be as though none of this occurred. So if you can be good to yourself this afternoon you will let all of that tension and hostility drain away right now. If you bottle it up that will make you into an old person. It will make you into a sick person. It will make you into a mean hard-hearted evil person and we don't want the Legislature to do that. Now there were amendments galore on this bill and I don't know which ones of them would have been good and which ones of them would have been bad but when I hear my good friend Senator Kahle say that he is down, he feels dejected, my heart goes out to Senator Kahle because of the sympathy he showed me when I was being battered on my death penalty bill. So we have to comfort each other in our moment of depression. Senator Beutler gave a good little talk that I thought was worthy of him but now that Senator DeCamp is back I have to conclude with this. Senator DeCamp, there are things we undertake to do and those things are calculated risks. We can believe that people will come through as they say they will but we know there is a good chance they may not. When I was doing very hard battle against you on the district election bill and won it you said, "Ernie, I give you Omaha." And I told you, "John, I would rather have cancer." Senator DeCamp, I reciprocate. This afternoon I give you back Omaha and all that goes with it with 816.