

mandates, LB 7 anyway. So that being the reason for it and the court willing to excise out the portions of the law that are unconstitutional, I don't think that the severability clause is necessary. And now that things are cooled down somewhat, I did make some statements before that were, Senator Haberman, somewhat intemperate. I made a comparison between a jackass and a lawyer and that was not the right thing to do. I gave you one cite from the New Testament where Jesus rode on an ass so that shows that it is a noble animal. I can go back to the Old Testament, because some people consider that as authoritative as the New Testament. There was a prophet named Balaam who was given a mandate by God to go to a certain place and deliver a message and this man wanted to go a different direction. He was riding a jackass. So he was going to drive through this doorway, ride the jackass through it, and the jackass would not go because the jackass had more perception than the prophet and saw an angel standing there with a sword, and had the jackass proceeded, the angel was going to take the sword and do grave damage, probably kill the prophet. So the jackass crushed the prophet's foot against the side of the door and the prophet began to kick the jackass. Now this in in the Bible. It could be called the wit and humor of the Bible. But the jackass turned around and said to the prophet, "Why have you kicked me like this? I have served you faithfully all these years. Now you do this to me." And so the prophet as though the jackass' talking is not unusual at all, just said, "Well, why don't you go where I want you to go?" So the jackass said, "Fool! There is an angel there with a sword. If I go there he will cut your head off." So then the prophet's eyes were opened and he became as perceptive as the jackass and he saw the angel, too, so he thanked the jackass. So, Senator Haberman, an apology is due. I ought not to have compared a noble beast like a jackass to a lawyer.

PRESIDENT: And I now take pleasure in recognizing Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask a question of Senator Hoagland.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland, will you respond?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Hoagland, as an attorney, do you feel the severability clause should be added to this or needs to be added?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Senator Haberman, I concur with Senator DeCamp and Senator Johnson.