

Mr. President. That is all that I have.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. We will move on to the motion by Senator Schmit.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit would move to withdraw LB 697.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I introduced this bill at the request of the Nebraska Public Power. At the present time, they don't feel they need the bill, they've asked me to withdraw it and I concur. I so move.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? If not, the question is the withdrawal of LB 697. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to withdraw the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: It is withdrawn. (Cavel.) If I could have your attention for a moment, ladies and gentlemen. Senator Barrett, would you address your microphone, please. This is a special day for Senator Barrett. I want you to know that there is no cake or coffee, but several years ago Senator Barrett uttered famous words, and those words were, "Let 'em eat cake." (Laughter.) I think it was he who thought up those words. Senator Barrett, would you like to eat crow, or say something? (Laughter.)

SENATOR BARRETT: Not really, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: I think, I think the presiding officer is referring, perhaps, to a very special day. It's a day that I have kept hidden all of the years that I've been in the Legislature. It does happen to be a birthday of mine today and, for lo these many years that secret has remained hidden, there's never been cake, cookies or anything of the sort. And, for some unknown reason, my secret was exposed this year. And there are those of you on this floor that know it is my birthday. With that, I think enough said, Mr. President, there is no cake today, again. (Laughter.)