

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If he or she were that silly, then he or she doesn't have to worry about being the mayor. But the House of Representatives was considered the lower House with respect to everything, breeding, manners, money, all of it. They used to sit with their feet up on the desk, they used to whittle, they chewed tobacco, they spit on the floor, they brought dirks and pistols, they had fistfights, they had threats of duels and all of that literally happened on the floor of the House. But in the Senate there was a man named Preston Brooks who, while Senator Sumner was at his desk pinned to the floor, took a cane and beat that man into submission and perpetual invalidism. So those kind of things are matters of history but they don't relate to what is happening here today. I would ask that you not return the bill for Senator Schimek's amendment. I believe it is offered in good faith, but it is going to cause us to spin our wheels because if you adopt that amendment, there is nothing left to the bill. So it would be best to defeat her amendment...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...let the bill pass and if something I've supported plunges Omaha into anarchism and chaos, it might be a way to get me out of this Legislature.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner, further discussion, followed by Senators Lynch and Wesely.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I wasn't going to talk on this bill but I...since I'm getting such a good education in government, why, I thought I should speak my piece too. But I'm going to support Senator Schimek in bringing this bill back because I think this is the right way to go. I think these elections should be staggered and this is one of the reasons why I didn't vote for this bill on Final Reading because I felt that this would be setting poor policy. I think that everyone should be...if you hold public office, the elections should be staggered. And, Senator Chambers, there are two parts of this bill so it wouldn't be gutting the whole bill. We'd still have the second part of the bill. In my area, some of the county boards are elected by district and by a vote of the county. You can elect them at large too, but, there again, it's the wishes of the people and most of the counties in my area are