

don't do it. We don't do it. It's tough enough to get 25 votes on this floor out of 49. Try it sometime, my good friends, my new friends in the Legislature, try to get 25 out of 40 sometime. If you can do that, you ought to be escalated to the top of the heap around here, particularly when retribution is the order of the day, the order of the day. And I am laying it on the line. I'm saying it like it is. And I challenge you, I challenge you to refute that.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: If you want to get into a situation, ladies and gentlemen...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...where we go section by section, line by line, action by action, I will give and take with all of you. I will give and take with all of you and I defy you, I challenge you to prove me wrong. I'm not going to ask for a vote on this because I wanted to say it and get it off my chest. It's not the end of it, it's just the beginning. But I'm telling all of you that what has been proposed here today is not in the best interests of the State of Nebraska because we are not trying to find the answers. We are not trying to fix the blame. We probably can recover but we certainly ought not to allow scoundrels to get away with robbery and that's what we are doing when we blissfully come forward, appropriate the money and walk away whistling. And people up in Omaha are smiling from ear to ear and cheek to cheek because they know they have got the cat by the tail with a downhill pull. They haven't got this one and I'm not going to allow it. Mr. President, I ask permission to withdraw the amendment...the proposal.

PRESIDENT: It is withdrawn. May I introduce some guests, please, of Senator Korshoj. In the north balcony we have 18 sixth and seventh and eighth grade students from District 82 at Pender, Nebraska and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We also have some guests of Senator Owen Elmer. We have 20 eighth grade students from St. Patrick's at McCook, Nebraska and their teacher. They are in the south balcony. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thanks to you also for visiting us today.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further on the bill.