

if you don't stand up they can charge you with contempt? What kind of nonsense is this? What kind of weak people are these who must insist that other human beings stand up when they come into a room? This is a system that is supposed to mete out justice to people, that are supposed to treat human beings as though they all have human rights, a certain modicum of respect that they are entitled to. There is a federal district judge in Lincoln who has been recognized many times as being a very humane and thorough person, a scholar. He has been reversed on occasion because nobody, present company excepted, is perfect. Now, before you jump to a conclusion, who all are embraced in the term present company? Why, everybody in this room. Oh, maybe that's why you're laughing. You know yourselves better than I do. (laughter) At any rate, at any rate, Judge Urbom, when he was handling some cases dealing with the Native Americans, they would not stand up when he came into the courtroom and the bailiff and others were upset and Urbom said, it's not necessary that they or anybody else stand up when he enters the courtroom. Here is a man who doesn't need that coerced show of respect in order to have a sense of being, and an identity. But these other rascals and rascalions need that, so they stride and strut into the courtroom and you take them out of there and they are the most insignificant people you can find. They get jostled when they go into the grocery store. If they rode a bus they would get jostled off the bus and then they are going to take it out on the people who come before them. Clark Kent and Superman, put on his judge clothes and he is Superman, and he really is. As a matter of fact, he is God in the courtroom. The gods you all talk about can't do anything, but by God, that god who sits on that bench can do something and he can order other people in the courtroom to do things. He'll call the bailiff. He'll call however many deputies are necessary to drag you out of that courtroom and puts your worthless hide in jail if you don't properly respect him. I asked this elderly lawyer whether or not if a judge used a racial slur from the bench and it was directed at me, I should respond in kind to him, and do you know what that lawyer said? I wouldn't recommend it because of what the judge can do. What kind of sense does that make? What I'm doing with my amendment is giving them more than I think they're worth, but trying to give them something. I'm saying let that first increase be 5 percent.

PRESIDENT: One minute.