

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: There was a time, ten years or so back at least, when the conference committee would at least include the introducer of the bill. I didn't say that Senator Warner had to be told how to vote on it. I know how Senator Warner feels about it, and I respect how he feels about it, and respect how Senator Conway feels about it. You'd have to be blind, deaf and dumb not to know how a dozen or so other people here feel about that. They feel exactly how they're told to feel about it. I've carried enough water on this floor for the bankers that, if I drop dead today, they ought to give me honorable mention at the funeral of anybody that shows up. But I'll tell you what, I'm not going to tip, tap toe and tap dance around here because somebody says no. And as far as I'm concerned the bill can die, the bill can die. There comes a time when this body ought to have a little respect for itself. I've taken my cues from time-to-time, I don't mind that. A lot of times I ask advice, we all do. But, ladies and gentlemen, we ought to have some respect for ourselves. Senator Warner feels strongly about his position, he's entitled to that. He's sincere and he means it. I also feel strongly. And I just feel that at this point in this time in Nebraska's history we need, more than ever, to reassert our intention that any institution that does business in this state ought to have some kind of commitment to the entity and the area which it purports to serve. Now you can jump through all the hoops you want. You can lay down, roll over and play dead. You can kill every bill I've got from this point forward, I could care less. You can pass this bill with 48 votes, if you so choose, to suit whoever wants it suited that way, if you want. But, ladies and gentlemen, I'm not going to be made a fool out of. I don't mind being treated like a dummy, I just don't want you to think I don't know any better. And I'm telling you here, now for the record, and I want it clear, and I don't care who is on the other side, whether they're this side of the glass or the other side of the glass, and I don't think I'm any different than most of you. I think that to the extent that we represent our convictions I have no concern if there were 48 persons voted against it. But to the extent that we allow ourselves to be manipulated, we ought to be ashamed. I'm not going to let that happen to me.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lynch, additional discussion?