

in the last few days, quite honestly. And I think the people of the State of Nebraska deserve better than the way we've been acting on this floor, so that's the reason I can't support this. You know looking at my agenda here, I think to myself, we have a lot of important issues, that's true, to follow. We all knew this before we started doing the kinds of things that have been going on on this floor. You know, I was raised to believe that you follow the rules. And it's been really hard for me to be able to deal with this kind of stuff that has been going on in here, because I have that thing about me that says I was taught, we have rules, we have this book here that tells us this is what we're supposed to do. And then to see the kinds of tactics that have been going on in here have really contributed to the way I feel. And I'll tell you that the public feels about this body right now. I had eggs and issues last Saturday, and the people in my district were absolutely disgusted with the way we're acting. I just think it's time for us to sit back and look at what we're supposed to be doing down here. This isn't fun and games, folks, this is actually dealing with people's lives. The laws that we make in here need debate, but they need to be debated by the rules. And I understand both sides felt they had...they were legitimate because they were retaliating against each other. I hope that I wasn't really a part of either of those sides, although I may have a concern about any of the issues that we talk about. You know, I'd like to remind you, Senator Schmit, I think that you have a bill on here, LB 854, and that's your priority bill. You said your priority bill is not up, but I believe this is your priority. And that's an issue that I'm concerned about and one that I would support. LB 1151 definitely is a bill that should be debated and actually should be on Final right now, or even have been passed by now, because we need to deal with the issue of low-level radioactive waste, the siting in our state, and all of the controversy that surrounds that. LB 866, Senator Lamb's bill, is something that I would have liked to have seen up there to have had the opportunity to deal with. I'd remind you that the history, people have been talking with me, well we've done this before. Yeah, we did it before, we did it last year I believe it was, but we did it with consent calendar bills, bills that in the first place wouldn't have come out of committee and been voted across in 15 minutes on the floor if they had had amendments or had been something that was controversial in the first place. And even by doing that, we were criticized severely by the people of the State of Nebraska, and I think rightfully so. In addition to the fact that, you know, this is something that I