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Nebraska. Every one of these laws does affect everyone in the State of Nebraska one way or the other. So I do think that we have an obligation to stay here until the last day, that sounds like judgment, doesn't it. Well, it is sort of a judgment day when you go back to your district. I go back to my district every evening, and I do see a lot of people when I go home and when I go to the grocery store and so on. And I get mixed reviews. Most people say, what is going on down there, because they don't understand always what's behind the maneuvers on the rules. But I have in mind, I think maybe Shakespeare said it first, but yesterday I felt this way because I think both sides on the...on one issue have come to the point where we've lost some of our objectiveness on both sides, well maybe we've lost it all. Shakespeare, I think, said it first, I won't say that for sure, but I remember when John L. Lewis, who was head of the United Mine Workers in the thirties, and he had a running fight with Harold Dickey's. And at one time he was really angry with Harold Dickey's and said, a pox on all your houses. And that is the way I feel when we've gotten to this issue. I said many times during my campaign that I feel unless we, as people, begin to be able to sit down with each other and discuss the abortion issue, the drug issue, all of these problems are related. Until we can sit down and talk about them without getting angry, we're never going to solve them. And that's what we're doing this past two or three weeks, all we're doing is screaming at each other. Whether we're doing it in a screaming tone of voice, it's still a scream, because we're not being realistic when we just use the rules to stop a bill that we don't want to talk about. And that's what it is, nobody really wants to talk about the issue because there might...they're afraid that they might find something or learn something from the other side that they don't want to learn. See, that goes for both sides. I'm not saying it's pro-life or pro-choice, or whatever you want to call it, that's both sides are afraid that they will learn something from the other side that they do not want to learn. It's a very difficult issue, and any of you that have studied linguistics perhaps remember one lesson about a certain...I think it was an African language, that certain words...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...can mean something, depending on what tone of voice, what pitch of your voice you use. Like if you say it down here, or in the middle, or up high it means different things to that particular tribe. I don't think that we are