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this person and that person, this group and that group. You demand equity for the handicaps and for the poor, and you do it time after time, and I join you in that. I happen to believe that the unborn have a right to be heard on this floor and I resent the fact that you can make others cower and refuse to vote for a motion which they will vote for this afternoon because the Speaker happened to place it on the agenda. I can become just as justifiably angry as you can and I can use as much time as you can, and on those several occasions when you and I have had to go head to head, Senator Chambers, I have won. I have won. I do not choose to do it often. I do not necessarily enjoy it as you do because I do not enjoy belittling and intimidating my colleagues, don't enjoy it. But if need be for a just cause, I can do so, and Senator Labeledz has every right to do what she did today just as you had the right to do that which you chose to do last Friday. This body was tied up for hours. You succeeded because individuals were not willing to stand up to you and use the rules that were available to them. They instead chose to let you tie up the body for hour after hour after hour. If that is what this body wants to do today because they are afraid of your insinuations, so be it. Let the day...let the session end here. I can vote for sine die as of now and walk out of this building and have no regrets. If you choose to debate and argue the motions all day, fine, but I find it impossible to understand how anyone can vote for the motion this afternoon and not vote for this one. You are suspending the rules. I have every right to place motion after motion after motion on every single bill that is on Final Reading as you do, and as you will, and as you have, and as you will in the future. But do not be scared, ladies and gentlemen, by Senator Chambers. He doesn't mean to be mean. He knows that you enjoy being kicked around. He knows that you like to be intimidated. He knows he can do it and he will smile all the way back to Omaha and say, once again, once again, this lone senator tied up the body.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Forty-eight others were powerless. He tells you he is going to do it. He tells you he is going to do it. He doesn't trick you. He tells you, and what do you do? You know someone said once if sheep weren't meant to be shorn God would not have given them a fleece. And Senator Chambers views this body as a sheep and he shears us time and time and again, and we come back, and we help Senator Chambers pass his bills,