

and consider it strong, don't bottom line everything because we cannot continue to bottom line absolutely everything in the future. I oppose the amendment and support the resolution. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Hefner, Wehrbein, Abboud, Nelson, Peterson, McFarland, Lowell Johnson and Goodrich. Senator Chambers.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, that sounded like a law firm. Two years or so ago one element of ConAgra was merging with a Dupont element and they combined the names Ducon, D-U-C-O-N, and that's what the ConAgras do, they do con. But they don't just con, that's where you use slippery, slick talk. ConAgra is bare-knuckled and they use raw power. But, Senator Warner, you don't have to worry about this bothering Mike Harper because in this article from the World-Herald, May 31, 1987, it says at six-foot-six, 250 pounds, Harper also is one of the nation's largest corporate chief executives so he can take this little bit that we're doing. But this article says the following. "Last January, Harper took a similar direct approach in announcing his company might move its headquarters from Omaha. If the state wanted to keep ConAgra, Harper said, it should restructure the tax system and offer incentives to business. Last week, the senators approved the most controversial of the four bills, LB 775, Governor Orr's employment and investment growth measure. The bill had brought support from business and labor leaders. It was backed by Omaha Senator Vard Johnson, Chairman of the Revenue Committee. Nonetheless, the bill would not have become law if ConAgra hadn't said it might leave, said Barbara Botsch, lobbyist for the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce. You had to have a Mike Harper willing to stand up and say, 'We've got to have this', there had to be a catalyst, she said." Now, after what I said about ConAgra, let me read you the last couple of paragraphs of this article. They talked about the open attitude at ConAgra where Mike Harper would ask his employees, are you willing to tell the boss to go to hell? And I don't know what the response was. But, anyway, ConAgra's harshest critic during legislative debate was Omaha Senator Ernie Chambers who said LB 775 amounted to robbing the many for the benefit of the few. Harper said that and other criticism of ConAgra bothered him. "But does that mean we would change anything we do? Hell no. We will continue to tell what we believe is the truth. With ConAgra's open culture, Harper was asked, would Chambers fit in at the