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SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm just about through, and we're not any rules anyway because we don't have anything before us. And I want to wrap this up, and then...

PRESIDENT: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I may not say anything else during the Special Session, because it won't be for any purpose. But I do want this in the record. I'll tell you all one other thing I intend to do during the Special Session, and, Mr. Chairman, it won't take me a minute to finish this. The World-Herald has been running some racist, historically inaccurate presentations of how the west, in this part of the country, was won. It degrades, it demeans, and it insults Native Americans. So, at some point during this Special Session, tomorrow, I'm going to read into the record an editorial written by the UN-L newspaper editor, because they have more integrity, more ethics and a greater sense of responsibility than the Omaha World-Herald, whose people controlling this whole presentation have admitted that the presentations are inaccurate, but they're going to run them anyway. That's what I intend to do with the Special Session, because for the rest of it I think it's wasted.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I think we ought to go ahead with meeting on the floor tomorrow morning. I would suggest that maybe if some of you think you do not have enough time, maybe we can get the Speaker to start a little later, like ten or eleven o'clock, and then if we need to, we'll go a little later tomorrow evening. But, Senator Chambers, I'd say that's up to you. I had to postpone or cancel a couple of appearances that I was scheduled to be on this week, too. And it is a rough decision, because we don't know how long we'll be here, or whether we'll be here at all. But I think that is a decision that you have to make. But I think right now we have a problem, let's try and use cool heads and a dedicated heart and try to resolve this. There were a couple of amendments added to several bills that we had in Exec Session this morning that I didn't approve of either, but they got the necessary five votes, so they certainly will appear before us. But, if we don't like them, we'll have to talk against them and try to get them defeated on the floor. And that's about all I have to say.