

are so many of these things that all of them lose significance. They have no meaning whatsoever but each person wants to get his or her notch on the pole and I think that is not a good policy to have. I've never been a worshiper of flags of any kind, not that...just that of the United States or the State of Nebraska, but there are organizations with which I agree, but I'd not fly a flag of theirs and I would not advocate flying of flags because they usually wind of being the cloak in which contrary things are enshrouded. The flag of the United States, as Senator Beutler pointed out, is designed to represent democracy, but when I look in the student newspaper there is an article about the racism that exists in the country and it talks about programs of former President Reagan that has encouraged this racism so the flag means different things to different people. It's traditional that every nation, every country will have its flag and the fact that the flag is there does not mean that everybody in that country universally agrees with it or even likes it but that is traditional and it's probably always going to be unless I become the benevolent dictator of the whole world. Then we would do away with flags, national anthems and all of the types of things that tend to divide people into camps and situations where symbols become more important than the realities that they supposedly represent. In this instance I think our work can be very easy for us. If we do what Senator Landis is talking about and strike this provision of the bill you can still keep the part that may have been the main reason for having it where you give these flags to...Senator Conway, let me ask you a question. Would the other part of the bill deal with giving flags for funeral purposes? Is that what the other flag part of it would be?

SENATOR CONWAY: Correct. To National Guard members who might not be authorized otherwise.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So that part would still remain in the bill.

SENATOR CONWAY: That part would remain although that part was an amendment to last year's bill. Last year's bill was the part that he is now striking.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That part would remain in the bill. If you're not a hippopotamus and you have a large basket of various items to eat, then you can't just swallow it all at one time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.