

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Withem.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman (sic) and members of the Legislature, I stated, Senator Labeledz, you might find me charming. And the only reason I say that, I've been in the world and around the track a few times. When a lady turns around in a room full of people and looks at me with smoke in her eyes, and a certain smile on her face, I'm going to draw certain conclusions. But because I'm not arrogant, I didn't say she does, I said she might. Now I don't know what reason she had for looking at me and smiling at me in that fashion. That's between Senator Labeledz and whoever. But, Senator Labeledz, I'll take that back, you don't find me charming because you said so. And I believe you're telling the truth. I believe you're telling the truth. But I want to get back to the bill and what it is that we're talking about. The amendments that are presented are what the Douglas County Board and what their lobbyist would like to have us consider. When you have a small area of the city from which four of the members come, and then another one stuck way out on the other end of the county, an analogy can be drawn. I had discussed this with some people. There are scientists who believe that the tool making power of the human being, in addition to a larger brain that can rationalize, the tool making power is what gives the human being dominance over the other animal kingdom. Not having a protective shell like a turtle, not having the swiftness of a cheetah, not having the flesh tearing fangs of the carnivores, not having wings to fly, fins to swim, or the ability to stay under water without breathing oxygen from the air, human beings are really the slowest, weakest, most helpless creatures among the larger mammals that you find on the Earth. So to equalize and make the field more level, human beings got a brain, which is not always used in the best, most productive way. And also the ability to make tools, to hold tools, and to manipulate objects, and what makes that possible is the opposable thumb. If your hand was like a paw, you wouldn't have the thumb which would allow you to grasp. So you need the four fingers to wrap around, and then the opposable thumb to tie the package tight, so that you can hold that object. What we have in the Douglas County Board situation, four fingers live in the southwest part of the city, and Howard Buffett, the opposable thumb, sits way out in the northern part of the city so that these four fingers can wrap up everything within the city, and then whatever is not