

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...manner that we handle diaper bills and every other bill. And, ladies and gentlemen, this is probably the only really new industry that has come to Nebraska in a long, long time. We fought and bled and sweat and struggled on this floor for it time after time, after time. I cannot believe that elected people will stand here and advocate the responsibility to the people who placed it in this position and say, aha, we are going to give Mr. Eihusen three hundred grand a month because he has the audacity to go to a shyster, Mr. Thompson, and pay him \$850,000 for the right to bid, and there buy the plant, and, therefore, we are going to reward that. If that is what we are here for, ladies and gentlemen, then I have passed my point of usefulness a long time ago, and I do not think we are. I think it is time that you discussed this issue. I want someone to ask some questions about that proposal whereby the Chief Industries were able to buy out Mr. Thompson's right to bid. I want to know the details of that. I want to know if he went to all other bidders and said will you take less than \$850,000, or did you just take the first guy on the list, and if so, I was \$850,000 fairer. If I knew that...if that was the lowest possible right to bid he could get,...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time is up, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...then maybe he would be justified in asking for some kind of help, but he did that at his own free will, he did that knowing it was going to raise the price of the plant, and now he has come to this Legislature and begs for assistance.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, confirmation report from General Affairs Committee signed by Senator Smith. Enrollment and Review reports LB 419 correctly engrossed, LB 783 correctly engrossed.

Senator Moore has amendments to LB 355 to be printed; Senator Kristensen to LB 693. (See page 2671 of the Legislative Journal.)

A confirmation report from the Health and Human Services Committee signed by Senator Wesely. And, Mr. President, new