

act...we always try and pride ourselves in saying we're not like other legislators, we're not as bad as the folks back in Washington, D.C., we do something even worse by totally ignoring the rules, amending things at midnight that have nothing to do with the bill at hand. I just think it has to stop. There's some legitimate bills we can deal with. This measure should not be dealt with at all, in my opinion, or, at the very least, if you're going to raise the cigarette tax, put it into a fund so we can address some of our problems next year instead of just digging ourselves a deeper hole. So, with that, I, all earnestly, do bring this bracket motion forward. I hope the body is wise enough to bail out on this one before we spend a few more hours wasting our time when there's some very needed things down further on the agenda that are less controversial, that can be dealt with, but may not be dealt with only because of the insistence of those that are trying to plug this particular bill way up on the agenda where it does not rightfully belong.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Before I proceed to the next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests. And I see that many of them are just leaving right now, but we have guests of Senator Lynch. They were 54 fourth graders from Wakonda Elementary in Omaha and their teachers. Thank you for being with us. And also we have some special guests of Senator Landis. They are under south balcony. We have ten students from Doane College and they are a class dealing with legislative behavior. I know, I told Senator Landis this may not be the best day, but they're here anyway, and their Professor. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. The next speaker is Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, do you all remember earlier this morning when I talked about the love gushing forth but that the well had been poisoned? It was. And I would say that there had been a little ripple and a breeze that kind of moved the poison away but it will be back, and it is. It's no different now from what it always is and we're in my territory. I feel so comfortable with what we're doing now because it's what we always do and we tend to be creatures of habit, so when we fall into that habitual conduct we can just go onto automatic pilot and just ride with the tide and go with the flow and that's what I'm doing. I'm watching all of the frantic, all of the panic for no purpose. Even if Senator Moore