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Legislature or diplomacy. She said be totally honest. You couldn't have a successful marriage. The husband is going to tell the truth to the wife about everything and she's going to tell the truth to him about everything and they're going to stay married? Impossible! Children are told, don't lie, and they're going to tell they're parents what they think about them and we'll have cases of child abuse. Senator Witek, every Frankenstein movie that I've seen has a part where there is a scene injected that gives comic relief because some people are very fearful about those things and, without denigrating what you're doing, that's the way this proposal will be viewed. You said that nobody will know who voted for them and who voted against them and you don't like that because you want to know these things. Senator Witek, as you live longer and longer, you're going to come to the conclusion that there are going to be a lot of things that you will never know, never, but life must go on and you must go on. So there is no way you're going to get this Legislature to agree to let the names have lights beside them on that board telling for whom they voted. I don't care if people know who I vote for, but there are some things that are nobody's business so I won't tell them unless I decide I want to. So total honesty is out of the question. Senators don't just lie when the time comes to say who they're going to vote for a leadership position. They lie about their position on bills. They lie about how they feel about each other. You know that. If all lying was to be done away with, what is Satan to do? Now, certainly, you believe he was created for some purpose, and you cannot challenge God and God's wisdom in creating the father of lies. If you deprive him of all his children, what is to become of him. Lies are the oil that makes the machinery of a civilized society move without too much friction. I don't believe there is any way that you could get a senator to state, with total honesty,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...every thought he or she has on a bill or every thought he or she has about another member of the Legislature. It's only because I can read minds and faces and eyes that I know what the senators really think of me, but I don't tell them that I know. I meant, I tell them that I know but I don't tell them with specificity what they think. It would trouble their little minds too much. But this proposal is loony. I'm not saying the proposer is, I will do that on another occasion when you're not making a serious effort, as you