

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, the peculiar thing about this whole discussion is that we see what the chamber of commerce is doing. They give these senators these speeches, ridiculous arguments that they wouldn't make on any other issue. They parse sentences, they give you parts of speech, they talk about grammar, and yet their own bills are ungrammatical, the syntax is atrocious, but because nobody brought them in and said, see, to is a preposition, that which follows to is thus and so, therefore it has this meaning. They don't know whether that's true or not. And a lot of that parsing of sentences is not even correct. When you got dunderheads out there in the lobby, and you know why I know they're dunderheads? They come before the committees on which I sit as a Senator. I listen to them, I watch them grovel and cringe when I get ready to ask them a question about a subject on which they're supposed to be informed. The chamber sent a guy to the Government...I mean to the Business Committee the other day, this man was so lacking in understanding of what happens in the corporate world that I asked him, because the chamber is a conservative organization, I call them archconservative. They're reactionary. I asked him, well, do you read the Wall Street Journal? And he's a lawyer, he says, no. So maybe he didn't read American publications on business. I said, well, do you read The Economist? He said, no. So then I figured I'd drop him way down to the depths, I said, well, do you read the Omaha World-Herald? He said, no. I said, do you read? He said, I read the Lincoln Journal. Those are the people who are parsing sentences and teaching somebody about grammar when we're talking about the rights of citizens, and these same hypocrites are the ones telling those "Repelicans" in Washington, you've got to make government butt out of people's lives. Isn't that what the "Repelicans" trumpet every time they get on their feet and open their big mouths? Every time that gas bag, called the lungs, exhales something into the air, it's get the government off people's back and out of their lives. And here these conservatives in this Chamber and in the chamber of commerce are talking about let employers govern the private lives of employees when they're not on the clock, they're not on the premises of the boss and what they're doing in no way