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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Coordsen telling that joke opened the way for me to tell one that Abraham Lincoln told me. He and I used to sometimes split logs and rails together but never rode them because they didn't have trains in those days that he or I could get close enough to to hop a ride on. But, at any rate, he was giving a speech and it reminds me of the condition of this bill. There are some things in it that look one way when you read it, then when you read a bit more it looks another way. So Lincoln was talking about this guy that had come into this town and he was one of these snake oil salesmen. And after he had sold all these elixirs and told people the wonderful things that the elixirs would do and not one of those things was done, the people were very angry and they came after him. They had the pitchforks, the torches and the kind of things that Frankenstein usually is pursued with, so the guy jumped on his horse, rode it until he came to a ventral stream, tried to ride the horse across the stream, the horse got swept away and drowned. When the man got to the other side he had no hat, he had no shirt, he had on only half of his trousers, had one shoe off and one shoe on. And Lincoln said when the man got to the other side he was neither clothed nor unclothed, neither shod nor unshod. That's what I say about this bill. It's not all good; it's not all bad, but, in my opinion, in its current form it's more bad than it is good. There is a lot that I think Senator Withem and others who are trying to carry this bill should be willing to strip out of it because it adds nothing to the bill. And if we could get down to what it is that is really being sought to be achieved, we could more easily grapple with that which is left. Although Senator Coordsen is prepared to accept Senator Bromm's amendment, I will have to vote against that. Senator Coordsen's provides a better basis for work, but if the ultimate goal is to try to put something on the table which will be a basis for negotiation, fine. But, Senator Coordsen, can I tell you that I see the rural people put in a position that I, as a spokesperson for the weak and helpless, usually am put in, and you've heard me give it a thousand times. We're going to negotiate. You have a dozen eggs, I have a dozen eggs, we negotiate until I have two dozen eggs and you have no eggs, and I tell you that's good negotiation and when you get some more eggs come back and we'll negotiate again. What I have seen happen on this bill is the Governor bludgeon people, others bludgeon people. We're told we'll be here till midnight, which is not new to me, but I