

are going to be some regretful hours and some regretful times. People can get so caught up in the moment that they do things that they cannot undo. They allow themselves to be pushed by people who don't have to be in this Legislature the rest of the session. The Chamber of Commerce, Papillion, Hal Daub, even the Governor, Maxine Moul, they'll get this project and they'll be gone, but we all have to stay here. And there will be fallout and there will be consequences. Now, I and maybe a couple of other senators will be the only ones who say anything openly. But I'll tell you one thing, the Speaker never has to worry about me slipping up and sticking a knife in his back, and he, not knowing where it came from or how, I don't operate like that. I don't sneak around, slink around the halls whispering. If I have something to say I'm going to say it, and I'm going to say it on this floor. One thing I will not allow anybody to take from me is my personal dignity and self-respect, and dignity and self-respect are what I perceive them to be.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And in order to be an effective legislator for the people and the interests that I represent I cannot allow anybody with impunity to treat me like I'm some kind of a child or like the days of slavery are back and they can say, if you behave in a way that I approve of I'll allow you to do this. Take your best shot and do your worst, but be prepared for the consequences and don't ask for quarter. I don't ask for quarter and I can be pushed to the point where I'll give none. I think I'm going to offer amendments to these bills, unless there's a motion to suspend the rules and not allow any amendments and no debate. But I think it would be really good for us to ask these counties to ante up some money and help in this process.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, I want to return to a discussion of the bill. And I'm going to ask Senator Beutler some questions. Senator Beutler, are you willing to answer a question or two on the bill? If he's here.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, Senator Lindsay is here. Senator Lindsay.