

and its processes is so low in this country as to be deplorable. The schools are at fault. The politicians are at fault, everybody who is in a position to influence public opinion is at fault when these ideas are not regularly brought before the public for purposes of discussion.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Stuhr would like to announce that there are 50 fourth graders here from Willard Elementary in York, Nebraska, and their teachers. They are all in the north balcony. Will you stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, rights must be vindicated when they are attacked. If you're living during times when there is peace, there is tranquility, everybody is being decent to everybody else, you don't even need laws. If you have a situation where everybody, when it comes to business dealings, is going to be honest, upright and above board, you don't need a Uniform Commercial Code, nor laws against fraud, cheating, illegal combines, because that will not occur. If you had an ideal situation where every person is going to conduct himself or herself and each person will conduct his or her affairs in a way aimed to benefit the common good, we would not need a law. Everybody would adopt the principle that in the way that I want to be treated is the way that I'm going to treat you, that you cannot treat me better than I will treat you. I will not do anything of a negative or hurtful nature to you unless you provoke me by attacking me first. And even under those circumstances I will use no more force than is necessary to prevent you from harming me. If those principles were in place, there would be a much higher level of civilization in this country. You would not have people saying that it's all right to build a bomb in a truck and blow up a federal building, killing many innocent people, including children. The thing that is so remarkable about these developments, and I'm talking about the Oklahoma City incident, is that when it was thought that so-called foreign terrorists were involved these militia types, the lunatics, the nuts, running around here in camouflaged clothes and disguises were talking about the harsh measures that the government ought to take against the ones who would do such a dastardly and, as President Clinton described it, evil deed. When it turned out that it was some of their own kind, you know what began to happen? These same groups began to defend it.