

on the board and there are a few less than what they need, they'll be looking around with that pleading look on their face, give me a vote. Well, the Legislature, in the 25 years I've been here, never has been a paragon of courage, nor have the senators, in many instances, been paragons of people who keep their word. They cannot hold to a resolve for the period from last night until this time today. They are like those kids who, when they're not in the presence of the bully, will shadowbox and jump around, and they'll say, I'll hit him with a left, and I'll hit him with a right and all these other things. Then, as soon as they're in the presence of the bully, they collapse. And that's what happened on that last vote, and we know it. We know it. But you're not going ultimately to get the thing that it is you want. The Governor has insulted you all, not me, you all are his people. He talked about Senator Wehrbein's committee. Senator Brown is a member of that committee. We know who all those members are. And in the paper they talk about being upset about this and upset about that, but they're afraid to challenge the Governor on a bill such as 425, and they sit there and don't vote at all on the bracket, or vote against it, then they whine to the newspapers about being attacked before they even present the budget. Well, the Governor does what he does because he knows what he's dealing with, and I don't blame him. He spits, tells you to lick it and makes you like it. And the reason I enjoy it so much is because it shows me the fallacy of the philosophy in The Bell Curve. When they talk about these angry white males, they talk about the militia and get in that abstract realm where they're talking about the brave people who went trotting off to World War II and all the rest of this. When we come to the reality of today we see there is nothing but cowardice in this society. And when time comes for people to take that stand and make that decision, they cannot do it; I know it and these examples help me to make my argument. So the fact that the bill was not bracketed doesn't mean much to me. And if you vote a lot of bills on Final Reading that would spend more money than the Governor said he's going to allow you to spend, makes me no difference. Then when he sends his vetoes over here and slaps you down and tells the media how irresponsible you are and how it's up to him to hold the line, and he doesn't know if he has enough red ink in his veto pen, the only reason he treats you with such contempt is because you behave in a contemptible manner, and he's right...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.