

association. Now you tell me any other situation where under the law you are mandated to belong to a private association or you cannot earn a living. Even in a business where the workers are unionized a person cannot be compelled to belong to the union, but in the law it is different, you must belong. And they're going to send these lobbyists around here and...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...they're going to assume a stature they hope in the minds of people as objective individuals bringing information. They are paid. Do you realize a lawyer will have his or her license revoked quicker for not paying dues than for robbing widows and orphans, commingling funds with theirs and the clients. They will take it quickly if you don't pay dues, and the dues go to support positions with which you disagree. Paying for these fat cats and big shots to travel around and go to these conventions where they are wine and dine, and they bring other people here paid for by the dues of lawyers who are compelled to belong to that organization. Let them challenge me and show where I'm not telling the truth. Why do you have to compel people to belong to an organization if it has something to offer you of benefit? You would be anxious to join.

SENATOR HALL: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Before we go to the next speaker, I'd like to introduce guests of Senator Wehrbein in the south balcony. Fifty-four fourth graders from Conestoga Elementary in Nehawka, Nebraska with their teachers. Would you please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for joining us today. Senator Brashear, your light is next.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Hall, members of the Legislature, I too could not restrain myself. I do not wish to encumber the record or impose upon the patience and presence of a captive...the captive members of the body, but I do respectfully dissent from the sweeping, unfounded generalizations in the negative that have been lodged against the Bar Association. I would be the first to testify that it is not perfect, nor is this body or any other human institution, it's members are not perfect, neither are the members of this body. But to go on and on I think is uncalled for and I simply wanted to make my dissent a matter of record. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Chambers,