

you know how I am. You, none of you have got anything I want, none of you. So what can you do to me? Make an ugly face? That's when I'm in seventh heaven. Just by existing and being myself I give you all ulcers, give you headaches. You walk here with your mouth stuck out as long as a fishing pole and that's supposed to bother me. You're playing into my hands. Why should I be upset? And I'm glad to see that at least one other senator is prepared to draw a line and say, this far you'll push me and no further. This is a serious issue to some people, very serious. It touches heart strings, if you have a heart. It touches emotions. And when there are issues that will touch a person in that way and some persist in rubbing that person raw, expect the kind of reaction which that kind of provocation will elicit. I started to get up here and imitate Senator Witek, the high-pitched, twangy voice that would make the angels stop their ears and ply their pinions because their teeth are set on edge.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's the angels. So what's a poor mortal, created a little lower than the angels, supposed to do? Laugh. That's why human beings were given the power to laugh, because we don't have the power to throw lightning bolts and strike people dead. Senator Bernard-Stevens, as this debate progresses, I may have more to say on the bill, but I am trying to get a feel for where things are going to be and I do think there has got to be a middle ground someplace on this issue, but there will be no middle ground found if you fold your tent. Because, see, if you fold your tent, you're going to make me have to pick up another burden and I don't want to do that so I'm going to keep your feet to the fire where you placed them but tell you I'll be back there cheering for you and if every now and then I need to throw a log on the fire,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..I'll do it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Priority motion, Madam President. If I may, a couple of items.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Items for the record.