

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this amendment is very easy for me to explain. All of this hypocritical language will be stricken. This is the language which would be stricken under my amendment. "The Governor shall consider and attempt to balance representation based on political party affiliation, gender, race, age, and geographic areas of Nebraska when making appointments." Why do we have to be so hypocritical? Why do we have to temporize? We lack as a body, we lack courage. We will not do that which needs to be done but we want to create the appearance or impression that we are doing it. A person should strive to really be what he or she is trying to make people think that he or she is. If you want people to believe that you are a straightforward, honest person, conduct yourself in that manner. If this is to be an honest, straightforward bill, we should put language in it which makes it that. It is clear that you don't find this nonsense anywhere, the Governor shall consider and attempt to balance representation. If we were talking about business people's interest, are we going to say consider and attempt but you don't have to? You know good and well that will not be the case. We will...we will distort our entire process to help these big shot businesses. It has been done so many times that I'm sick of it, but that won't stop it from being done. I will just have to battle again when it comes up again, but when we are dealing with the rights and interests of those who have the greatest moral claim on us, we then deteriorate and degenerate into this kind of meaningless drivel, piffle. The Governor shall consider and attempt, do you mean to tell me that if the Governor wants to balance this commission, he or she doesn't have sense enough to be able to do that? You all had said earlier that that's the case, the Governor cannot do it, that's an impossible task. Well, if it is an impossible task, why do you even tell him to attempt that which cannot be done? Do you think I would tell Senator Jensen, who is over there chewing on something, to swallow it completely, and then by a sheer act of will, not sticking his finger down his throat, make it come back up? He doesn't have four stomachs as far as I know. Chew it awhile, swallow it, let it wallow around and get slimy and mix it with all those things that make you sick as it comes up and spills out in the open, then "urp" it up and chew it a bit more, just squishing and swishing it around in your mouth. That's why those animals probably have discolored teeth. But, anyway, I couldn't ask him to do that and expect him to be able to do it.