

I couldn't expect any of you to make a rope of sand and suspend a chair from a rope of sand. Nobody could pour water on this floor and make it run uphill to the back end of the Chamber. So on the one hand you are telling me that it is impossible for the Governor to balance this commission, and then on the other you are telling him, but try to do it, Governor. We know that you can't put a square peg in a round hole but try to do it, Governor. How hypocritical. How dishonest. How despicable. How disgusting. I ought to get a dictionary in terms of the "d's" and find every "d" word I can to label what is being done by this cowardly, spineless Legislature. Teddy Roosevelt said, I could carve a chief justice out of a banana with a better backbone than what he felt Oliver Wendell Holmes had. I could do the same thing with the Legislature. You all are going to sit around here and stand around here and put this kind of a language in a bill when you know it doesn't do anything. Then you wonder why people have contempt for the Legislature. Here when you're all together reenforcing each other's cowardice, you feel all right, but then when you get out there among your constituents, if they ask you this question like this; look, fool, you said the Governor can't do it, then why do you put something in the law asking him to do it, fool? Then you get offended. It is foolish. It is stupid. And even the Gods labor in vain against stupidity. He can't do it, why ask him to do it? I've got to keep saying it. He can't do it, why ask him to do it? Attempt to do that which you have said he cannot do. What can he not do? Here is what he cannot do. He cannot balance the representation based on political party affiliation. He cannot do that. He cannot base it...balance it on the basis of gender, but you put that in there. He cannot balance it on the basis of age, but you put that in there. He cannot balance it on the basis of geographic areas of Nebraska, but you put that in there. He can't do any of these things, but you put it in there. What are you all doing? What kind of legislature is this? What's inside those heads where there ought to be brains. A person was trying to describe Lenin and they said his brains are so big they pushed all of his hair out of his head because he was clean on top. That will certainly never be said about the members of the Legislature. He cannot do it, but you are asking him to do it. That is sheer, unadulterated foolishness. My amendment would attempt to bring some honesty to this dishonest bill. The whole thing is claptrap in the first place. This that you put in it only makes it worse. You are not gilding the lily, you are trying to sugarcoat manure, and it is