

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is anything to take effect in this bill on July 18?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: If you had the Withem amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I don't think so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Will the language...okay, because I was going to say if that were to be the case, I would ask you to subtract ten days and make that July 10 because that's my birthday, but we won't worry about that. Thank you.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, I assume that that's probably already a state mourning day and that we probably do at least slow up to have some remembrance of that unfortunate day, but, you know, outside of that I don't think that the state will probably be...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Pay particular attention. Here's why it's a day of mourning. People know that every one of those that I have brings me closer to the end of the trail and no matter how long I stay, I probably am farther from my beginning than I am from my end. But I assure the chairman of the Transportation Committee even though I'm farther from my beginning than he is from his, I'm farther from my end also than he is from his. You know, Senator Withem made a comment that was very poetic about this ribbon of highway and it made me think about that poem, it went something like, "The wind was a torrent of darkness among the gusty trees. The moon was a ghostly galleon tossed upon cloudy seas. The road was a ribbon of moonlight over the purple moor. The highwayman came riding, riding, riding. The highwayman came riding up to the old inn door." And you know how that rascally poem ended? Bess, the landlord's daughter, knew that a trap had been laid for the highwayman. She couldn't warn him. But in order to let her if she chose to, they propped a rifle beneath her bosom I will say, I think they might have said breast because they were more, you know, in those days than we are now. We're much more conservative. So as he was coming and she knew the trap was about to be sprung, she did what any well-trained homebody woman did then and we expect them and wish that they would do now, she killed herself so that he would hear the report from the rifle and know that the soldiers were here and he could ride on off to some other innkeeper's door and