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and goes against the interest of the people that I represent. So he can be as sincere as he wants to, and it doesn't mean one thing to me in terms of my opposition. And I think it would be good for Senator Byars to hold my feet to the fire at this point, one-third of the way through the session, to see if I'm just bluffing when I say I will take the 24 hours. I am glad that Senator Byars is sitting at the table and he says, Chambers, your face may not give away what you got in your hand and maybe you have what you say, but I'm going to call. I'm going to make you lay on the table what you got, and if you don't have what you got, you're going to leave here in humiliation and shame. And, Senator Byars, others have tried that and I am not the one who has left the field first.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Before we proceed, I'd like to recognize the Doctor of the Day, Dr. Dale Michels of Lincoln, from Senator Raikes' district, who is today serving on behalf of the Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. Michels is also the president-elect of the Nebraska Medical Association. Sitting under the north balcony, Doctor, thank you for your service. Chair recognizes Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I am going to continue to stand and rise for this, but this is getting to be an interesting conversation between Senator Byars and Chambers, so I think I'm just going to yield the rest of my time to Senator Byars and let him continue.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Byars, you're recognized.

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Jones, I appreciate that. And as usual, Senator Chambers, with more than adequate eloquence and your descriptive style of debate is one that I admire and certainly respect, but you're right. I made that statement very clearly when we began this debate, that I was willing to take it the whole distance. I have not changed that opinion at all, but I'm also a realist, Senator Chambers, and I've been in this body long enough to understand that there are times when you need to enter into the spirit of compromise. And I understand what you're doing, and I understand that I am your vehicle, and I understand I've got the big target painted squarely on my chest, and you're firing very