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don't like that; I'm going to veto it; I don't like that either; I'm going to veto it! And there's something down there, I'm going to veto it! He can rule by the veto, he can try to, but the Governor needs to understand that he's not dealing with the Lincoln City Council. He needs to realize that there is at least one senator in this body, and perhaps others, but I'll let them speak for themselves if they're here, who is not going to be bulldozed and rolled over just because he's got a new title, a new battery of toys and a veto pen. When he throws a challenge to me, and I think he'll probably threaten, and he may carry through on it, every bill that I might get through this Legislature or every one that seems to go, he'll threaten to veto it, and that's his prerogative. But sometimes people can start a dangerous game. I have a friend who has been dubbed Pandora. And the Governor will realize that what Pandora released on the world, when she opened that box of troubles, will be as nothing, compared to what he will release on himself in terms of his legislation, if he decides he's going to play hardball with me. See, I don't have to go out there and tell people I've done these great things. All I have to do is stop bad legislation. So, if Senator Brashear is in a position to kind of reason with people, let him know that I have accepted his challenge, and I'm looking for legislation of his. I cannot veto it in the way that he can, but I can use what poor tools are at my pitiful disposal (laughter), thank you, Pandora. I needed the opportunity to let you all know who is who around here. I'm going to do what I can to fix him. Didn't one of those Kennedy's say, don't get mad, get even? If he's going to totally politicize the system, if he's going to let the Attorney General tell him what to do to me, and the Attorney General throws a rock and hides his hand, the Attorney General won't confront me, then the one who throws the rock will be punished by me. I was given a copy, we can go far afield this morning, of the Kearney Hub, this morning, which has that execrable ad from your Attorney General that I was talking about. But the Kearney Hub, I don't know if it was on purpose, placed it right below an advertisement for the Golden Corral...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in Kearney. And, as you all know, the Golden Corral is where the E. coli outbreak occurred. And right