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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was talking about that book by Mary Shelley called Frankenstein. and Frankenstein was the doctor, as we all know. The monster's name was Adam, and you've seen a multitude of movies based on that idea but they all vary from the book and they vary widely. That creature could speak more languages than I can and spoke them fluently, but there was a point being made. However, a juncture was reached where this monster that had been created turned to its master and the...to the doctor, and the monster said to the doctor, you are my creator but I am your master. The monster became the master of the one who had created him, and that's the principle and it's seen everywhere. People will do things in haste, then live to regret what they had done. This is one of those monster bills, but if there is a determination to have it pushed into law, if the Governor has been browbeaten into signing it and if the lobbyists for the NRA are pressuring people to vote for it then we ought to put an amount on this application as a fee which will make sure that enough money is going to be available to do what is being required of those who have to administer this bill. In speaking earlier about roadblocks, senators are not the only ones who have bills in here. There are senators who are carrying bills about which they couldn't care less, but some lobbyist asked them to bring that bill. And lobbyists need to be careful about how they begin to mix things in the pot because they have more than one client, and if they allow one client to mess up everything in their pot then their other clients are going to suffer. I know that there are lobbyists out there who play hardball and I know there are lobbyists out there putting pressure on people, and I know who at least one of the lobbyists is. And we have a list of lobbyists and their principals, so if these lobbyists are going to start sending letters and having telemarketers call senators' offices, I want those lobbyists to know that I am taking note and we're going to see what I can do to that lobbyist's main principal on this bill, which is the NRA, and other principals that that lobbyist is representing. Yes, I'll play hardball and I believe I'll be the last one standing. I believe that this principal that I'm discussing goes to the operation and integrity of the legislative process. There was a time when I thought certain things ought to be programmed into these gadgets on our desks. You think I'd be in favor, as a member of the Executive Board or a member of this