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LB 770

Senator Wehrbein and, I might add, the good faith behind his, even though I have serious questions and problems with the bill. On the other hand, LB 770 is just a throw-away bill. It means nothing. We're going to advance it with a delayed date, then not even pass it. Why even adopt his amendment to delay the date? There is so much cynicism in this Legislature. So much is done that makes you question people's motives. And just because a senator may be put in a pressure cooker where he or she has to make deals with people outside the chamber, it doesn't mean we as a Legislature have to be bound by that. We don't have to go along with it. My amendment...since they feel the way they do about this bill, we probably shouldn't even advance it. I don't like to toy with people, those who need the help the most, because that's the way they're accustomed to being dealt with. They're dismissed like children. They're dismissed like those people that we raise our voice to because we think they don't understand and we feel that if we talk louder, that's going to make them understand. So the people that would be benefitted by LB 770 can be put in that area of so much confusion and difficulty and complexity that it's impossible for us to grapple with it. But then when it comes to funding a convention center with the kind of funding mechanism that makes no sense to anybody, all these rural senators went along with it. And maybe that's what I ought to spend the rest of my close on, because I'm...my closing on. Not one Omaha senator spoke on that bill, did they? They're all hiding in the lounge. And then when they pop the finger, every rural senator comes charging right out here and hit that button like they were told to do. All the work was done outside the glass. They gave the marching orders. They ordered people, get on out here so I can tell you the answer to the question. And then, get those rural senators to vote the way I want them to vote, and tell them they'll get 30 percent of...nothing. And they can go tell their little communities, we're going to give you a crumb here and a crumb there. I'm even trying to help the crumb snatchers in the rural areas, not just the people under LB 770. But it's their own representative that betrayed them and will continue to betray them, to get along with the big shots in Omaha so you can rub shoulders with them. What man do you think, in here, would ever be king of Ak-Sar-Ben for having sold out to those interests? And with all due respect to my colleagues whom I respect, and not a woman in here is young enough to be the queen