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my head, and I don't care two cents for what you say, because you don't make sense. Then these same adults say, my children won't listen to me. I can't talk to my children. Well, stop and consider what your relationship with those children has been, and the things that you've said to them during the times when maybe you were able to talk to them, during the times when maybe you were able to talk to them but you chose not to, because you saw a commercial on television where little children are talking to each other like they do, and a voice comes on and says, children talking too much? Give them a Chewey and they'll stop talking. That's a commercial on television right now while you all are talking about Littleton, you're having national conferences about how adults need to talk to their children. I saw a commercial where this bull elephant was taken out of the picture and the juvenile male elephants were killing other animals at random. They reintroduced the bull elephant into the mix and these young elephants settled down and didn't do anything like that anymore. And they showed a man putting his arm around the son's shoulder and saying, see how important it is to have an adult in the picture?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then before that program comes...goes off, and they tell you, you need to talk to your children, a man's sitting down, having dinner with his son, and then it gets real quiet. And nothing is said. Then the words say, did you miss an opportunity to talk? Then the commercial when the children are little...children talking too much? Give them a Chewey and they won't talk at all. What kind of messages are being sent to these children? My amendment makes more sense than anything in this bill, but it is the harshest, the cruelest, and the most unworthy.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion? Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Chambers, I'm really pleased that you spoke before I did, because I was going to remind you, and I'm...I know that I don't need to remind you of anything, because you have such a good memory of your own. But you told, in front of myself and