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subjected to numerology without knowing it. Maybe there's some secret cult behind all of this; one which, if you go along, is going to lead you off the path, Senator Vrtiska, that you must walk in order to be saved. How many of you would want to be a member or do the work of a cult? How many of you--all believe in numerology, magical numbers? So three is what we're dealing with. But speaking of that, and sometimes I digress, with all of this silliness that older people get involved in when they want to attribute a sinister meaning and significance to everything young people do, one of the most ubiquitous, condemned symbols is the pentagram, the five-sided star. But you've got a huge building sitting in the middle of Washington, DC, that has the whole world shaking and what is it if not a pentagram, except you call it the Pentagon. And some people would say much that is of the devil takes place in that building, but because grown people put it together they don't even think about it. But all the stars in your flag are pentagrams, so why, if kids make a five-pointed star, is that devil worship when they do it? But then they're taught to put their hand over their little heart and worship a flag that has 50 or so pentagrams in it. I think there are 50. When you've been on the earth as long as I have been, you're allowed to be unsure about things about which others are very sure. But there's one thing that I'm sure of and I will not falter in that. When the Rules Committee, when any committee, when any individual brings something to the floor of the Legislature with which I strongly disagree, I'm going to take issue with it. And to the same extent that that person is willing to push me to the wall to obtain passage or acceptance, I'm going to push back and try to defeat it because I disagree with it. But, Senator Aguilar, one reason my colleagues don't throw me away is because occasionally they come up with a proposal with which I agree and, in the same way they'd rather have anybody else against them than me, there's nobody they'd rather have for them than me. So they say, if we flip the coin and he winds up on my side, that will make up for all the times he was against me. That's the way it goes around here, and we need to deal with the reality of...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...this Legislature. So the reality from the