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discuss this matter. Any bill that I decide at the time is appropriate I will attempt to add what Senator Landis has described as a rider. I will do that. He mentioned that it would not be good to start a practice of telling cities that, unless you do such and such in terms of enacting a specific ordinance, you will not be granted the power to do what it is you want to do or authorize to do it. Power is as power does. Them what has the power can do with it what they will. That's what power means. Power is another word for force. If the force is sufficient, it will overcome resistance. Some people ask the question, what would happen if an irresistible force met an immovable object? The terms are mutually exclusive. You cannot have both an irresistible force and an immovable object. If the object is immovable that means nothing can move it. It can resist anything. So once you posit the existence of an immovable object, there can be no such thing as an irresistible force. On the other hand, if you have an irresistible force, you have something which nothing can withstand. So if you posit the existence of an irresistible force, there can be no immovable object. That is looking at those two items in a pure sense, in a logical sense. But when you get to the practical level, the plane on which people operate, a mistake can be made about the nature of an object, a mistake can be made about the nature of a force. So one person may feel that an object is immovable when, in fact, it is not. Somebody else thinks the force is irresistible when, in fact, it is not. Knowledge itself brings power. Knowledge brings enlightenment. Knowledge brings understanding. Knowledge is the first step toward wisdom, but knowledge there must be before anything else can follow, unless you want chaos. Chaos can follow from ignorance. Knowledge is projected and analogized...

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to a tree--the tree of knowledge. Ignorance is like a little scrubby thorn bush, never rises very high. I think it may have been Alexander Pope who said a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. What would we say then about no knowledge? But my job is to try to wrestle with this issue and