

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office  
FLOOR DEBATE

April 17, 2003      LB 610

judges are not going to be toyed with. Let them be egotistical. But you must know the rules of the court. You must understand appellate procedure. And you certainly must know what has to be done to establish the unconstitutionality of a congressional enactment. And Bruning did not understand that. He would never have been sent to argue that case if he were an employee in the Attorney General's Office. But you all wanted him there. That's why you voted against electing the Attorney General on a nonpartisan basis, so you get a person totally unqualified. White male affirmative action, meaning somebody unfit for the job got it,...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and is embarrassing this state. He wasn't just giving a political speech of the kind he gives on the floor of the Legislature. But he revealed his ignorance there as he did here. But there are consequences to bear. And I mentioned on this that that low-level nuclear waste case still hasn't been resolved. If there's an argument in a court, is he going to go bopping into the courtroom there, being flippant, showing how ignorant he is, and making a laughingstock of this state? But you all sent him there. You all wanted him. I told you, two years running, why you were voting against electing the Attorney General on a nonpartisan basis. I explained how if you did away with partisanship, qualified lawyers would seek that position. But they're not going to do it under a party label, because they don't want to be perceived as party...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...hacks. So you've got a party hack. Thank you, Mr....

SPEAKER BROMM: Your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And Mr. Speaker, while I'm on this, I'm going to lay some things out. Bruning thinks he's going to be Governor. And the World-Herald, when they endorsed him, said it's all right for him to want to use this office as a steppingstone. This man who cannot be a decent senator, and you