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language is brief, so it's easy for me to fashion amendments. But before I launch into a discussion of my amendment I want to remind my colleagues of something that I took off their backs. There were school teachers around the state who wanted a little publicity, or "pub," as the athletes call it, and they would encourage their little children in the classrooms to come up with some item that the state ought to name as the official state this or that--stones, sticks, bugs, birds, rivers, fish--and I got tired of children being exploited. So a bunch of them went to a committee to name the channel catfish as the official state fish, and the Platte River as the official Nebraska river, so I spoke against both of these bills, and some of the people on the panel pretended to be outraged and people were just wondering how in the world can he do this to these children who are encouraged to participate in government, and on and on. So I let them get through, and then I explained something to them and to the chronological children also. We do want children to participate in the governmental process. I explained to them that they had a senator to introduce a bill, a public hearing was convened, they were given the opportunity to testify and give their reasons in support, and they were asked questions. But what they needed to understand is that there are adults who are associated with the legislating process and those adults, which would not include all the senators because I meant intellectually, those adults take seriously lawmaking, and we do not want our process or the statute books trivialized. So, whereas it's good that the children came and testified, they need to understand a very important lesson that goes along with it. They are not going to get everything that they ask for and there are people who will tell them no and explain why. Well, the committee advanced both of them. On the floor I had a field day, and guess what resulted from it. I got the Legislature out of the stick- and stone- and bird-naming business. Instead of the Legislature having to waste its time, the job was turned over to the Governor, and any Governor who wanted to be silly enough and demean his or her office by naming these various items and whatnot could do so. That's what I think of the Legislature as an institution and others, like Senator Kruse pointed out, are cowards and they will go along and try to cheese up to everybody to the detriment of the Legislature as an institution and our processes of lawmaking. On this same score