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And then Senator Friend is going to adopt the coward philosophy and go along with Senator Kruse. Where are those who understand the constitution? Is there one? Yes, there are several, and they have so informed me. And some of them have spoken on this floor and informed everybody. I am so glad that what we talk about on the floor of this Legislature goes all around the country. And I think that's why I get so many complimentary letters, and I get calls from national media to comment on issues, because I make sense, I understand things, I have intelligence and I manifest it. I'm not boasting. I'm trying to stir the pure minds of my colleagues so that when we are lawmaking we will bring to bear our understanding. This is one time I wish you all would talk to your staff members. Of course, they couldn't tell you the truth or they'd get fired. But ask them to make up a little statement for you to make about the value and the dignity of the constitution and how we ought to respect it. Senator Combs stated that there are people in here family who hunt, fish, and trap.

SENATOR HARTNETT: One minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They can do that without this polluting of the constitution. They're doing it now. Nobody is stopping them. Nobody is going to stop them. You all want to protect some ephemeral right from some nonexistent threat; I want to protect the constitution from a very real threat. And that real threat comes from frivolous and silly amendments proposed by this Legislature.

SENATOR HARTNETT: You're finished, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Next speaker is Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Hartnett, Mr. President. And thank you, Senator Chambers, for ending on time so that Senator Chambers may begin on time, to take some time. I'm willing to give as much time and expend as much energy as are necessary to defend and protect and shield the Nebraska Constitution from this kind of stuff that we find in LR 4CA.