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on advancement of LB 227.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I voted against the Beutler amendment because the Beutler amendment took a bad law and made it worse, which requires a certain talent. This bill is a bad bill because it doesn't go far enough. All we have to do is amend this bill to rule out any action that someone with common sense wouldn't do. Now we can jump on everybody. We can be a nag and a scold to the entire population of Nebraska with a common law like that. You must use common sense. What's the alternative? Four hundred years ago, the Earl of Verulam, whose name was Francis Bacon, wrote some essays, and one of them was on judicature. I recommend it to everyone's reading. Matter of fact, I gave Senator Chambers a copy of the essays just so he would read that one. He didn't. But (laughing) there is one sentence there that sticks in my mind: There is no torture like the torture of laws. So get your black mask on, get your chains ready to attach the victims to the wheel, be ready at all times to nag and scold. And we can always say, we did it for the children. We did it for this. We did it for that. You can always find a reason. They are not good reasons but they are a reason. I urge you to vote against this bad bill that has now been made worse. Thank you, Mr. President. Balance of my time to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Mr. Clerk, for an announcement.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Business and Labor Committee will conduct an Executive Session now underneath the north balcony; Business and Labor immediately, north balcony.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Synowiecki, on the advancement of LB 227.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Senator Cudaback, I'd like to call the question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on advancement of LB 227? All in