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SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion to indefinitely postpone was not successful. I do raise the call.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to reconsider the vote just taken.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to reconsider...open on your motion to reconsider the vote just taken.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm not going to go into the details of it, but Senator, the "Baron," and I had a discussion about my use of the word "ain't" and its origin, and he alleged that it had a certain origin and I, naturally, disagreed. And to the "Baron's" credit, and he's a bigger man for it, he acknowledged that he was wrong in stating the source of his information. Now that's not saying he thinks that what he told me about the origin of "ain't" is wrong; it's just that the source of his information was not what he thought it was. Now I said that to say what I've said earlier. My position that I had taken on this bill earlier was not wrong, but it was not prudent. At the time I thought that it was. Then I began to see things developing and I began to see attitudes hardening, and it appeared that there was a lessening of concentration and focus on what was being discussed and what ultimately all the discussion is related to. This bill is not something that the Education Committee is entitled to simply because they advanced it to the floor and they are not insisting on that. What I think has not been adequately paid attention to is the fact that the form of the bill now is behind the curve. Maybe this would have been all right earlier, but there were very important matters that were not considered, not even within the knowledge of the committee at the time they fabricated their amendment. If we are going to hold to a position that was not valid when the bill came before us, then we are not legislating in a way that is wise. I did send around an article that appeared in the World-Herald. It deals with something that I have fought against literally for decades. As a matter of fact, I was Chairman of a special committee several decades ago and in Omaha a number of high-speed chases had resulted in several deaths,