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down the line by voting cloture and then voting to advance. What Senator Schimek is not considering and is not putting in the mix is the work of "Emperor" Radcliffe. You cannot consider anything that happens that is positive on this bill without factoring in the "Emperor." And I think the "Emperor" should have his credit, and I'm going to give it to him, because it in nowise diminishes me, but it might take some of the egotism out of some of my other colleagues who think that whatever little movement toward the finish line has been achieved was through their effort. Senator Beutler is not on the floor but I'm sure he's within the sound of my voice. He was saying, when we were talking about the water bill, that these farmers ought to bear a greater cost of it. They created the problem. I think Lincoln ought to bear more than a 10 percent cost. I think it ought to be at least 20 percent. Fair is fair, since we're talking about the fair. But my...now what Senator Schimek was very careful to do is not count how many chuckleheaded farm senators voted with Lincoln, because they might begin to think, based on what Senator Vrtiska had reminded them, hey, we've been had, we've been snookered, we've been took again. It is a Lincoln bill and we know that. Have you ever seen Senator Landis, Senator Beutler, Senator Schimek now, and even Senator Price speak out on the same bill that had nothing to do with Lincoln in the way they've done for this bill? If they did not live in Lincoln and represent the Lincoln area, do you think they would be speaking as they are on this bill? I can tell you, no, because there have been too many other bills with far more weight and merit than this that have been before us this session and they haven't said anything. So it's the fact that it's a Lincoln bill, and I'm going to keep saying it because that's what it is. The earth will not be flat if I say that it is. Conversely, the earth will not cease to be globular because somebody else says it's flat. What is, is, and it will remain what it is regardless of how we characterize it. This is a Lincoln bill. This that is being done to the constitution is not justified. I can accept the love that some people have for the fair, but bring a bill. Senator Bourne came with his amendment. Now he's got to rewrite it. And before they can get to it quickly and expeditiously, they have to make a request of me. Senator Landis has done that. I'd like to ask "King Bourne I" a question.