

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

February 4, 2005 LB 37

have a Judiciary Committee hearing where we've got some atrocious bills talking about methamphetamine. And law enforcement thinks that I'm going to accept a law enforcement solution to a problem by creating a set of circumstances where they might have carte blanche to consider anybody who buys a product with ephedrine or pseudoephedrine in it is probably going to use it to make meth, so they can get a search warrant to go into these people's houses. They want a log to be kept, people to sign the log. There is so much in the way of Big Brotherism, unreasonable infringement on the rights of citizens by law enforcement that I just...I don't trust them when they bring anything. So maybe if we stay here until 1:30, we can drain off some of the hostility that I feel toward what they're going to present, and they will have an easier time of it. Then, if they see any of you all on the highway going above the speed limit, you won't get a ticket because they will say you drained off a lot of the venom of the king cobra and, instead of being a king cobra, he was reduced to the status of a king snake. That is one which has no venom whatsoever. This bill is not one that I support. I would rather you do away with this whole concept of a Hall of Fame. One of the most blatant, lacking-in-taste images out there is a person with a...with the World-Herald, holding a copy of the World-Herald with Omaha World-Herald written on it. That's a cheap, chintzy advertisement for the World-Herald. It cheapens the whole concept. It's an ad. Rather than say 50 years, do away with the whole thing and let whoever paid for some of those atrocities out there have them. Let the World-Herald take that thing and put it on a pedestal in front of their building, but it certainly shouldn't be in a hallway where you're recognizing people who have done something of consequence. Then you've got grocers. Now, I'm sure Senator Cunningham would like that because maybe he can get in the Hall of Fame, because not only is he a grocer, but he's the head of a grocers' organization. Nothing against grocers. They are essential. In fact, I'll probably give some of my money to a grocer before the day is over. But they should not be in the Hall of Fame. It is becoming a corridor of shamefulness on the part of those who make these simpleminded placements. How much time do I have on this one, Mr. President?