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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you have almost five minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Mines. Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator McDonald. Thank you, Senator Schrock, for bringing this. Thank you, Senator Mike Friend, for participating in the discussion. Thank you, Senator Byars, for not participating in the discussion. (Laughter) Thank you, Senator Landis, for all of those things people would thank you for if they knew about them as I do. It should be clear from the way that I'm giving my thank-you's that I'm not going to pursue this particular motion. But I'm going to say a few words, because I appreciate the fact that Senator Mines relinquished some time to me. There are people who, if they would take the time to read Nebraska's Constitution, read some of the small-print material beneath some of those provisions, which are brief summaries of cases that have been decided, interpreting those provisions, it will become clear that this is a document which should not be trivialized. It should not become a document filled with boilerplate. It should not become like a statute book. There are all kinds of fads that will crop up from time to time, and those fads will have their respective constituencies. If legislators are not mindful of their job, of their duty, of their responsibility, they will try to put those fads into the constitution and say they must do what their constituents tell them to do. I don't do what my constituents tell me to do. You know what my representation of my constituency consists of? Using my best judgment and learning what's going on. They sent me here because they don't have the time to work their way through these issues. They have confidence in my intelligence, my tenacity, and my ability to get things done in a hostile environment. That's why they sent me here. They sent me here more as a force than as an echo or an imitator or a reflection of all the confused things that the public at large will articulate from time to time. One thing is crystal-clear to me. The constitution, with all of its defects, with all of the nonsense currently in it, will not be made better or improved by adding more of the bad stuff that's in there. We should be trying to improve it. Mr. President, I'm going to withdraw that motion that is pending.