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that we don't know now? I'm sure we're going to know a lot more about a lot of things. And I believe we will know more on this specific issue by that time. But if we don't, then you still can come back and try to steamroll over me and defeat the amendment that I have pending, and then get 33 votes to shut me up on this bill. Now, what difference does it make to me how you lose the bill? Doesn't make me any difference. If the court comes down and says that the mandatory checkoff is constitutional, I'm still opposed to the mandatory checkoff. It's a matter of principle. Whenever you have the big shots and the little shots supposedly in cahoots, the little shots are being dragged along, and what the big shots want is what's going to be done. And remember, I've been in this Legislature 35 years. I have sat on that Ag Committee, and I have been the one to turn aside these large, multinational corporations' lobbyists when they come to try to make fools out of the members of the Nebraska Legislature's Agricultural Committee, because they think everybody on that committee is a rube, until they run afoul of me. They misjudge me. Here's this old man, wearing a sweatshirt, with a beard and gray hair, and from the city. What can he know about Archer Daniels Midland, or any of these big packing operations, or how they lobby, who their lobbyists are, which persons in Washington they try to put the screws to? Well, I happen to be able to read. I understand things. But I am the one who has turned them aside. And I know, when I see the footprints and the fingerprints, who is pushing a particular program. This program is not being pushed by what we might call small, independent producers. So if you vote down the motion to bracket, where does that leave us? It leaves me with 53 minutes to fill up, unless you're going to try to invoke cloture in the Speaker's absence, without having the number of hours of debate that there should be. So let's say you go ahead and do that. Who do you think sets the agenda? You don't set the agenda. Your bill won't surface again, because you will have gone against the tradition, because you had the numbers. You will have a bill moved off Select File, and it will never be seen or heard from again. How smart is that? Maybe you need to be taught a lesson. So I'm going to give you a chance to teach me one. And in the process, you'll learn a bigger one. Vote down the motion to bracket, and we'll get back on my amendment. But what we're talking about, remember, is an amendment to my