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do all of that. That is not going to be touched. He knows it. And if he didn't, Senator Schrock told him there's no urgent need to do this. So after having acknowledged that there's no urgent need, how can you argue that there is a rational basis, then, or a plausible reason to put this into the constitution? There is no imminent danger. There's no impending harm. We have people who want to cheese up to certain groups and organizations who might participate in political campaigns, and Senator Schrock made that clear yesterday and today. And for that reason, the constitution is to be trivialized, cluttered and befouled. That's what is designed to happen. They can prettify it any way they want to.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now they might stand on the floor next time and try to bring themselves into the modern century by saying, we're not trying to prettify the constitution, we want to give the constitution of the state of Nebraska some "funkification." We want to "funkify" the Nebraska Constitution. It still will be nonsense. I thought I was listening to Garrison Keillor when I heard Senator Kopplin. So what he gave as a homily was very interesting, but it was totally irrelevant to the merits of what it is we're talking about. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On with discussion. Senator Beutler on the Chambers amendment to LR 8CA.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I'm going to be a little bit technical again, but I think it's important technical things, and then I want to move just to some of the practical questions a little bit. But I spoke earlier of Section 26 of the Bill of Rights which indicated that the enumeration of rights that is within our current Bill of Rights is not to be construed to impair or deny others that are retained by the people but not mentioned in the Bill of Rights. And then it goes on to say, and I remind you of this again, all powers not herein delegated remain with the people. So government just can't go out and end the right to do this, the right to do that, all of the rights that we have. They have to