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hallway, the little babies were on the floor and I just squatted down by them, and they took the picture. There is one man who watches a program that I do in Omaha every Tuesday night and he has an infant son, a little bitty fellow, and that child watches my program with his father every Tuesday night. It puts him to sleep, which doesn't bother me, because comfort is what is needed. There is a person who works here as a staff member of a committee Chair who, when her little boy was small and still in a crib, said that he would be crying and the Legislature would be turned on and when my voice began to come forth, he would pull himself up, because he couldn't stand, I presume, and he would just rock from foot to foot, not cry and not fret. So with animals I have an affinity, with very young children I have an affinity--some cynics would say because neither of those categories know better--but also with very old people, and some people say they're probably back into their dotage or their...when they were little children so they don't know any better. But nevertheless, animals, young children, old people I get along with very well. I don't know what it is. They do, and they haven't told me. But when I say I equate what I'm holding here with something exactly similar to, I meant it just the way I said it. Senator Schrock, because of the kind of teeth we have--our incisors, our canines and our molars--and the digestive system we have, it's clear that human beings are to consume animal protein. If we were to consume vegetation alone, we would have a much longer digestive tract because it would take longer to digest those substances, get the nutrients, eliminate what's left, than it does to digest and make use of animal protein. I have never been opposed to people procuring whatever form of animal life they wanted to procure for food, just as I don't object to them...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...eating any kind of vegetation they want to eat. But when they slaughter animals for fun to put their heads on walls and make rugs on the floor, just for their vanity, I am totally against that, and if PETA or any other organization could cut that out, so much the better. This is why lowland gorillas were almost annihilated. It's why the African and the Indian elephant are in trouble. By the way, the Indian elephant