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that plays a different kind of music from that done by a violin. Steely-eyed, unsmiling, unwavering, eyes don't even blink. And Senator Kopplin, their eyes are so close together, you can take one finger and stick it in both of their eyes at the same time. They sit across the table from these naive workers, and they tell the worker, I've got a dozen eggs, you've got a dozen eggs; we're going to negotiate till I've got two dozen eggs and you've got none. And when they've reached that result, they say to the working people, whose heads are spinning, when you get some more eggs, come back and we'll negotiate again. That was Senator Smith yesterday. He doesn't want this bill. He's really helping me to punish the rest of you all. He knew his bill had no chance whatsoever, so he's helping me to be in a position to put you all in the position he was in. It is a solace to the wretched to have companions in grief; or, misery loves company. And Senator Smith is experiencing a bit of discomfort, if not misery. And he's going to wait, sit back, and see if you all take it when it's dished out on your bill, as he's taking it while it's dished out on his. But there will be a significant difference. There are others opposed to Senator Smith's bill. I don't care about his bill. When I get to some of these others that are on the agenda, I'm sure I'll be the only one speaking against them. And if there are other people who disagree with them, they'll basically sit back, generally sit back and let me go forth and battle, because they know that I will. I pace myself for the session. I will be going stronger, the closer we get to the end,...

SENATOR JANSSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...than I was at the beginning. At the beginning, there was no need to expend much energy, because not much was going on that required the expenditure of energy. I have plenty of venom stored. But I use it prudently. Senator Smith's bill doesn't require any venom. It doesn't have much life force. It's not going anywhere. A-n-n-i-e-w-h-a-i-r-r-e, "anniewhairre." And I'm enjoying it. In fact, I'm just going to turn around and look at my young colleague, who's on his way to Washington, D.C., as the new congressman for the 3rd Congressional District of the state of Nebraska. I wonder if Senator Smith is going to endorse Tom Osborne for Governor.