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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Janssen, I was following everything you said. And I'm familiar with the flooding in Omaha, because some of us...I mean, of the Missouri River...had gone, and were even allowed out of school to go fill and stack sandbags. But you said...you were talking about how you knew the state looked 200 years ago, and then you said you and I are the same age. (Laughter) Well, I haven't admitted to that, but I'm not going to say you're not telling the truth. However, at the time, if you stated what your position is on this, at the time you stated it I was distracted. Are you supporting this LR 8CA?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Chambers, I'm listening to the debate. I really haven't made my mind up yet.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Thank you. I appreciate that, Senator Janssen. You don't know how much I appreciate that. Good Lord. Almost you persuade me to be a "Chrishian." (Laugh) Thank you, Senator Janssen. Members of the Legislature, Senator Schrock sure can take it. You know why I say that? Because Senator Schrock has been in the Legislature long enough to be aware of what the constitution is, just like I'm aware of it. The only reason Senator Schrock is not giving arguments of the kind that I'm giving--not suggesting that he would use my methodology or anything, but be taking the same kind of position--is because he got hooked into offering this to the Legislature. But he knows that the arguments against putting it into the constitution are valid. People hear that word so much that it's almost like a slogan. It's there--meaning the constitution--but people don't read it. I saw a very clever commercial. This guy was talking about getting hamburgers and hot...not hamburgers and hot dogs, but hamburgers, french fries, and whatever, and he said at the end of it--because he was a cowboy, out on the range--he said, everybody has got a right to these hamburgers and these french fries; it's right there in the constitution. And you know, people believed it, that the constitution protects your right to have hamburgers and french fries. You do have the right, but it's not in the constitution. I've listened to some of these people on programs such as Jay Leno, which show how much people revel in ignorance. You all have read the slogan on the money, e pluribus unum. E pluribus unum. Jay Leno was out on the