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Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Thank you, Senator Chambers and Senator Schrock. Your time now starts, Senator Chambers, as the first speaker, FA41.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Kermit Brashear forces me to be gracious this morning and acknowledge your expression of, well, your expression of something by applauding. But that was not on my agenda and I don't do anything that I do for anybody's approval, endorsement, or affirmation. Senator Brashear, being the Speaker, a grown man and able to use his time in the way that he chooses, chose to use it as he did. I'm not taking offense at it, but even in my community when people invite me to various affairs to give plaques and so forth, I do not go. I didn't stay in the Legislature all these years just to be the longest serving person. And had I known at the time I started that I would be here this long, I never would have run for the Legislature. The only thing that might give significance to my having been here as long as I have is the fact that I've not sat here like a knot on a log. I have been active, forceful, and effective for all of those years. So anybody who has a kind thought toward me because of that, thank you. I can sense it. You don't have to tell me. Mr. President, Senator Schrock and I are renewing our struggle. And despite what he said in criticism of past positions by the World-Herald, some of his comments with which I will agree, even the devil speaks truth on occasion. In this instance, the World-Herald's analysis is correct, and it is not the only newspaper which has taken this position on Senator Schrock's proposal. I handed out a rhyme, but I'm going to read it because I want it in the record to show just how silly I think this whole thing is. And if you all vote cloture, you can do it. This is titled "LR 8CA: A Paean to Nebraska Culture!" "Ain't got no di'monds; ain't got no gold / For them things, we ain't pinin' 'n' a-wishin'; / Nebraska has got some tremendous CULTURE: / HUNTIN' 'n' TRAPPIN' 'n' FISHIN'!!!! / SISTINE CHAPEL? THE MONA LISA? / Maybe them things set Italians t' gruntin'; / We'll take Nebraska CULTURE any day: / TRAPPIN' 'n' FISHIN' 'n' HUNTIN'!!!! / Literature 'n' Drama 'n' Music 'n' Art -- / That keeps them