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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Madam President, sometimes before I speak I have nonverbal communication with the "General." I'm going to stay on this bill, but fortunately for you all, not much longer on General File. The bill will move. The ducks are lined up. But I'll tell you one thing. I bet the soon to be ex-Governor doesn't care about LB 117 anymore. He knows it's nothing. He needs to think about that big looming force that's going to put him out of a job again. The only job he ever won, I think, by election, was Treasurer, I think, if I'm not mistaken. And I could be, because I don't keep track of these little people. He's over there sweating. He didn't win the governorship; it was given to him. And the other guy got out of here like a bat out of Hades because he didn't see where he could win any higher office that he might have wanted. So that was a graceful way to get out. First thing you all ought to do, and maybe I'll help you, is put that hybrid helmet bill on his desk and see what he does with that. I bet he won't sign it now, because he got somebody running for Governor who doesn't even have to say much. He said not a bad word about David Heineman will come out of his mouth. (Laugh) Doesn't have to. I'll tell you what. They shouldn't have a debate either, unless they make him sit down and let Heineman stand up. (Laughter) What is wrong with everybody? I'm talking about politicians, who have got to have thick skin. Now, my colleague over here saying, don't talk about short jokes, I've been subjected to that all my life, and look at me. Do you think I feel inferior to anybody? Will I take low because most of the people in this society are taller than I am? People make tall jokes. They make all kind. And I will talk about politicians in the way that I choose. And if they can't take it, get on out of the kitchen. Look at the way these cartoonists draw Mr. Bush. One of them even said--and he won the Pulitzer Prize--he makes him look like a chimpanzee. And when a little girl asked him, why do you make the President look like a chimp, this cartoonist, who just won the Pulitzer prize, said, I told her I didn't make him look like a chimp; God made him look like a chimp. Now, why don't you all get mad at that? Why do you all pick up the newspaper and read this, then you get disturbed when somebody frankly says it? Because you're not used to anybody speaking in manly, adult tones about other men and adults. And I'm not