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going to be nice to these people who do things that are hateful to others. That's the man who vetoed the felon's right to vote bill. So you all can walk light around him, but I'm not. If he is so delicate, he ought not be Governor. You all are more worried about him than he is. He has never come up to me and said, Ernie, don't tell those short jokes, because they apply to you and me. I'm not taller than most people in this state. He might even be taller than I am. If somebody talks about short people, does that make me any difference? Napoleon was probably one of the shortest people in history. And yet, the "General" even talks about him to this day, with awe in his voice and respect. How many times have you heard, it's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog? Think about that. But you don't apply it. You live life according to formulas. I live life according...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to life. And that's why I will not be beset by stress, depression, fear, cowardice, shaking and quaking, my palms sweating because people don't like what I say. Pshaw. I learned that in English literature, p-s-h-a-w. I'm just looking around, Senator Bourne, surveying my domain. (Laugh) Now, who else will say that on the floor and can mean it? Why, they'd be so afraid, as soon as it got out of their mouth, they'd have frightened themselves and run under the desk and started writing out apologies immediately. I'm just a different breed of cat. And when I am out of this Legislature, an era will truly have come to an end. But until then, you have me to contend with for at least three more years.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Madam President. Was that my third time?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That was your second time, Senator Chambers. Senator Stuthman, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I am considerably much shorter than Senator Chambers, and