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I'm going to begin drafting my amendments, because when I make a promise of this kind, I have to keep it. Nobody put a gun to my head and told me that I have to oppose this bill. Nobody put a gun to my head and said that I have to carry it eight hours. It's just something that I feel a responsibility to do. Fourteen days in the session. What is that to me? If there were three days in the session, what would that be to me? I do think of the Legislature in institutional terms, so to speak. I do regard the status of the Legislature, the reputation of the Legislature. I respect what the Speaker has been trying to do as far as managing the agenda and the session, but I also have my agenda. And this Cabela atrocity does not fit in...

SENATOR JANSSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR JANSSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...with what I think the Legislature ought to do. Why should I consider my view so important? Because it's my view. Does anybody else consider it important? That's of no moment to me. What I must do is what I must do, and I shall do that which I must do. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Brown, you are next.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President and members, Senator Chambers, in deference to your endurance and anticipating that you could probably go as many hours as you wanted to on this bill, I voted this morning before I left town. It is amazing to me when I'm doing my other job, and especially in other states, how many people know Nebraska because of Cabela's. As much as for our football team, people know us because of Cabela's. I've had people say, have you been to the real Cabela's? Have you seen the stuffed bear? The answer is yes, but I also lived in Alaska when I was a child so I've seen real bears. But it is something that people associate with Nebraska, and has been very good for the state. I actually know some people, not well, but who came up from Texas in their RV and camped out for two days before there was some major sale that they wanted to participate in at the store in Sidney. And so I understand that this is something