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SENATOR CUDABACK: You may continue, Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Howard and Schimek.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, Senator Foley will remember when former Senator Jon Bruning sat next to him, and Senator Bruning flew up to the floor when I was making condemnatory remarks about Catholic priests and Archbishop Curtiss with reference to the abuse of little boys by Catholic priests. And Jon Bruning came up here and joined me in condemning the priests in Nebraska that I was condemning, and said, and if Curtiss has something to do with it, he ought to go too. And Senator Foley stood up and mentioned on the mike how upset he was, and if Jon Bruning wanted support he should not be talking like that; he ought to get his facts straight, and on and on. So Senator Foley knows how irresponsible, in his opinion, Jon Bruning can be. This is worse than that. The Archbishop is a grown man and can speak for himself. The priest is a grown man and can speak for himself. By the way, he's been removed from ministering, I found out the other day, so that's another one of those I-told-you-so things. Here we have a nine-year-old child, a devastated mother, and Jon Bruning considers them to be targets that he can deal with. He won't deal with Hergert. There are other matters he won't deal with, but an abused child and a devastated mother are the targets of your Attorney General, and people sit in silence. When I'm gone from this Legislature, think of all the matters that won't be discussed on this floor anymore, the issues that everybody can turn away from, the wrongful conduct which people can pretend never happened. But while I am here, I will speak, I will be heard, and I will condemn these men, and if a woman does it, in these positions of power and authority, who abuse that authority, who bring shame on the office. And that's what Jon Bruning has done. He has brought shame to the Office of Attorney General. He has brought shame to himself, and he ought to be ashamed. I am so disgusted I feel like talking on every bill that we have on the agenda today about this matter to stir the pure hearts of my colleagues. Obviously, I cannot put into anybody's head what is in mine. I cannot make anybody experience in their emotions what I am experiencing in mine. But having the opportunity to speak as an elected official, I'm not going to let it go by. The example that I gave to try to make the point is if an inmate