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country. It's the thing that is denied to us now. And it is the thing that produces people like me. My oldest sister, the most beautiful woman, in my mind, other than my mother, who ever lived, actually took care of me when I was a baby. Can you imagine me having been a baby, cooing and gooing and slobbering and needing a diaper change, me? But to the chagrin of my enemies, those days are gone forever. I have one more time to speak, Mr. President, and during that time I hope to make up my mind what it is I'm going to do. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may continue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I've got to ask Senator Beutler a question, because the sands of our lives are hastening through the hourglass of first-round debate.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Beutler, do you feel that the amendment that I'm talking about is kind of creating a box in which you would be placed? I mean the amendment that would eliminate Omaha.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, let me be entirely forthright.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And the dilemmas are these. First of all, in a philosophic sense, if I think something is good for Lincoln, I'm going to do it; if I think it's bad for Lincoln, I'm not going to do it. If I think something is good for Lincoln, how can I say it's not good for Omaha? There's no distinction in my mind, or rationale for distinguishing the one city from the other in the case of this matter. That's one problem. The second problem is the fact that this is going to be put on the ballot, and I don't want the people of Omaha to think that I didn't want to include them on this. It's going to appear on the ballot and it's going to say, except cities of the metropolitan class, and if they don't know any more, they're