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have to know how to live and let live. You're not going to be able to impose your will everywhere. And when you try it, in some circumstances, you're going to find somebody or something that will push back, and it can push back harder than your initial thrust. So count up the cost. Consider what you're doing. And when you feel your oats and you want to take me on, just remember that I don't get tired and I don't go away, and mine is not just today when I'm feeling good, mine is every day, in season, out of season,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...good weather, bad weather, makes no difference to me. But I'm reminding you of the power that you have. You've got the gun in your hand. It's loaded. All you have to do is point it and pull the trigger and you can put me in my place. And I challenge you to do it. And I defy you, because you cannot do it. Now, take me up on it. I'm one out of 49. But on this occasion, I'm going to stick by my word. Mr. President, I want to withdraw that motion.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Further discussion on the advancement of LB 75? There are no lights on. Senator Beutler, I recognize you to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I thank you all for the time you've put into this, and I think that Senator Chambers has made this a very thorough debate. You've heard both the pros and the potential cons. I hope you would agree that the positive side of this is far more powerful than the negative side. This is an effort to help a lot of organizations...to help one organization help a lot of other organizations who are helping people, all different kinds of people in the lower half of our community in Lincoln, to have a better life. And it comes about, the whole effort comes about, at a time when a greater return on investment, i.e., more money to these groups, is most needed. The pay, the real pay of people at the lower end of the economic scale, has not increased. In fact, it's gone backwards. They are not keeping up with the rate of inflation, for several years now. Federal aid to all those people, especially in the medical area, is