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person to work with. But I guess Senator Langemeier would be saying, well, when you bring easy amendments that make sense, it's not difficult to accept them. I'm not going to tell the body why I did not proceed with the amendment that I withdrew. But if I were going to tell you, this is what I would have told you, if I were going to tell you, but I'm not going to. If I were going to tell you, I would have said that Senator Brashear showed me a printout that was derived from an authoritative book that relates to the correct or proper usage of language. And when it came to "l-y" ending adverbs, and it's followed by a noun to be modified, those two words are not hyphenated. My proposed amendment would have hyphenated the two words "federally" whatever it was; "federally related." I still believe those two words should be hyphenated, but I'm not going to go into that, because I have no intention of telling you what the Speaker had said. But I do intend to use this opportunity to elaborate a bit more on a matter that I had touched on, and one that I've touched on in previous days. A woman named Betty Friedan died the other day. She is considered to be the mother, or the godmother, of the modern women's rights movement. There are young women who have jobs as newscasters, news analysts, talking heads, which they would never have been considered for were it not the work for Betty Friedan and others who worked with her. I'm not going to mention the local station that I was watching when I heard her name mispronounced. This young woman knows so little about how she came to have the possibility of holding that job that she pronounced Betty Friedan's last name as "FREEdun." She put the emphasis on the first syllable. And so that it will show up in the transcript, she would...it would have been like F-R-E-E, to show emphasis on the first syllable, then the last syllable would be spelled with lower-case letters, d-u-n; Betty "FREEdun." She had no idea that she was mispronouncing Betty Friedan's last name. And the way her name would be pronounced, the last three letters, d-a-n, would be pronounced to rhyme with "man," and would receive the emphasis. Do you see what I mean about the inferiority of American education, and the lack of initiative on the part of Americans to even know what is happening in their lifetime? I am always lamenting the fact that black people don't know enough about our own history. Then I see that white people don't know anything. But white people don't have to. So I can't tell black children,