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offer and they have too many other people they have to talk to before they can strike an accord. I know the Legislature is a deal breaker because that's what Senator Landis is trying to get done now. And I'm going to take a lot of time on that bill, and I'm going to read from the transcript of the debates when they were coming down here, tricking the Legislature into going for Now that they want to add money from the arena, Omaha was one who said leave the arena out and deal just with the convention, and I'm going to show you all...the convention center, where Mayor Daub said, when you build this convention center it will make Omaha a world-class city. That's what he And he was the one who said come down here and flood out Ashland. And he ruined what happened in Omaha right now and they're coming down here for more money because you all followed him and you wouldn't listen to me. You won't listen to me now. If I try to reason with you, you think I'm a cupcake. The only time you pay attention to me is when I come with a hammer, and when the only thing you let me use is a hammer, everything that I see looks like a nail. This bill is a nail and I'm going to drop the hammer on the head of that nail. I gave you an opportunity to strike a deal, and you know I'll stick by mine, and I don't have to get anybody's permission. But I do believe I can stop that bill and I believe I can stop this one. You can show me that I'm wrong, and it won't be the first time, but it will not put an end to me and my efforts. There are a lot of targets on the agenda as far as I'm concerned and none of them will be exempt. I voted against adopting your rules, but I assure you everything I do will be well within the confines of your rules. I play by your rules. I master your rules and I'll beat you at your own game. You know why? Because I'm not a coward, I'm not a liar, and I'm not afraid of anything or anybody. That's why you don't hear me running around here, despite the threats I get, saying let me carry pistols hidden in my clothes. White people, the scariest people on the face of the earth, running around here, I got to carry a gun. For what? Who even knows you exist? Who even cares about you? You make yourself more significant and important than you are. Got to carry a gun, good Lord! If I wasn't worried about being taken into custody by Bush and held incommunicado without a charge being brought against me and not being allowed to have a lawyer, I would tell al-Qaida and all of these so-called terrorists how