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challenge me. I'm going to spare you from that because you don't like to have to face political issues, so I'm going to take it away from you. And I'll just do it without you issuing the challenge to me. Where you say 500 cattle, I will say 499, and we'll talk about that. And I won't reduce it by one, because that takes too long. Next, we'll say 495 cattle, and you show me then the difference between 495 and 500 when it comes to the number of cattle. And I will follow the example that I find in the Jewish "Bibble," which you all call the Old Testament where Abraham was negotiating with God when God wanted to destroy a city. And someplace else in the "Bibble" says that in the image of God made He man, male and female created He them. And He's going to destroy all of them, His children, His So here's old sinful Abraham, who got a wife and a children. mistress on the side, which was acceptable to God, so he bargained with God; got Him all the way down to five people; bargained with God, with whom there is no bargaining, because God knew the way it was going to come out. He knows everything. So He said, okay, you got it, Abe. And there weren't the number of people there who would have spared the city, so this old merciful God destroyed everybody anyway. How much time do I have, Mr. President?

SENATOR CUDABACK: About 2.5, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. I'm not like God. If I strike a deal with Senator Schrock, I will keep my end of it. This whole Legislature collectively will not keep its word. You made a deal with the public about how much of their money was going to be stolen by the city of Omaha pursuant to a deal that Omaha wrote out. Omaha wrote the contract and the state signed it. Now they're coming down here to break it. And I'm supposed to trust you all? Why, I wouldn't trust you as far as I can see you. I wouldn't trust you as far as I could take a paper straw that's soggy and push it through a steel beam made of tungsten. That's how little I trust you. You all know I'm telling the truth. The only time you show any concern is when somebody big comes here. Big business in Omaha wants that, that I'm talking about. Big feedlot operators want this bill, and here you are. We can talk about something relative to poor people, hungry people, homeless people, sick people and you don't care, but