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Speaker couldn't talk to me about anything either, in the sense of persuading me to do differently from maybe I had set out...what I had set out in my mind I was going to do. I don't know why senators get angry when I say this is my Legislature. Why do you get angry? You could say the same thing. You can say anything that I say, but you dare not say it. You dare not say it, because you can't deliver on anything. And you guys get around here and make your deals, you make deals with the lobby, you make deals with each other, and you know you can't really trust each other. You're shaking like a leaf on a tree, wondering if the one that you struck a deal with is going to stick. And you know it, just like I know it. There are only some people around here that I will trust. Senator Wehrbein is one of them. Senator Schrock is one of them. And I mention those two because we've been talking on this issue. We don't always agree, and we won't always agree,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...because we have different interests that guide our conduct. But we both know that if we reach an agreement and we both have our minds meet and we understand the agreement, that agreement is going to stand. But I can't say that for everybody around here, so that's when the bludgeoning comes in. That's why I tell people, if you want to come close to getting me off your bill, you got to be sure you don't give Omaha that extra money and hurt my community by so doing. But if you don't care about my community, some things that I had worked on, my mind will change on, like, Senator Beutler had a bill that helped Lincoln which I didn't have a great amount of opposition to, until I realized that a Lincolnite is going to do something for Omaha that will hurt my constituency. Now I don't care...this is a pop of a finger, for the sake of the transcribers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Snaps fingers) I don't care that much for Lincoln now. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the closing on the motion to