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bill, however, is the one that's before us, so I'm opposed to the bill. But I told Senator Beutler...and this would hold true despite my latest determination to deal with the session a certain way. I had made an agreement with Senator Beutler, and I will not change that. I said if he would accept my amendment then I wouldn't fight his bill. He has said that he's not going to accept it. I believe I heard him say that. I'd like to ask Senator Beutler a question, so that I can be sure.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Beutler, would you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Beutler, I believe you said this morning that you oppose my amendment. Is that correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, Senator, I do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you. I just didn't want to put words in your mouth that you did not utter. You gave one cloture vote this morning. You're going to have the opportunity to give another and another and another and another. Some of you all only have 20 days left in your career. How much can you get done in those 20 days? How much do you want to get done in those 20 days? Fetuses and guns are more important to you than all else? That's fine with me. You put into the scale what you think is important, and I abide by your judgment as expressed by your votes. However, my opposition to Senator Beutler's bill is not based on the vote this morning. It's based on Senator Landis having brought a bill to benefit Omaha. He should have stayed out of it, but he chose to get into it. And there are people in Lincoln who cannot understand for the life of themselves why I would be upset with Lincoln. It's because when the newspapers print stories, they don't give the whole story, apparently. I don't know whether they mentioned that what Senator Landis--and I presume other senators from Lincoln are going to support him on--has brought a bill that will be damaging to the people that I represent directly, which is north Omaha. Lincoln and other people had talked about a crisis needing to be met and passed before there could be any reconciliation or peace or preservation of the Union during the