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Beutler does not want to meet at "M" in the middle. He wants to stay way out there on the wing, because he's stubborn, he is obdurate, he is recalcitrant, he is rigid, he is unyielding, and sometimes he's disagreeable. But we will just see how this particular matter comes out. And if I were Senator Beutler, I would not...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...despair. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, maybe I still have a little residual idealism, but not much after all this time, and I'm not an all or nothing guy. This bill has been amended by the Urban Affairs Committee, it's been amended by Senator Landis, it's been amended a lot. But I can't go into a situation where it's killed if you do and it's killed if you don't. But if you put a ballot amendment up there that offends Omaha by excluding them from the benefits of the law, which they shouldn't be excluded from, then it's tantamount to killing it, and I'd just as soon have it killed here if that's the way it needs to be. But I hope you don't feel that way, because it's good law. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Further discussion on the Chambers amendment, FA422? Seeing none, Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, if I can quote from a former President, Senator Beutler, you may not believe this, but I feel your pain. But there are times when people get in the way of the flow of history and events. There are some people who are children of history; there are others who make history. A person who is a child of history simply plays a role in an event that is happening, and he or she just by happenstance is present and can do something. You all have heard the story about the little boy who stuck his finger in a hole in the dike. That little boy did