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good man, and like I said, this is uncharacteristic of me, but I hit a brick wall in trying to negotiate in good faith with Senator Bourne and Senator Mines on this issue. This is about allowing private...or public access on private land. I don't want to go there, and if you do this to developers, they won't go there. They won't develop projects. I don't want to hold this bill hostage, but like I said, I don't know what to do. I can't let a bad bill, bad public policy advance forward without having my say on the issue. I think as Chair of the Natural Resources Committee, it's my job to represent the NRDs, the Papio NRDs, and if you live in Omaha, I think you'd be real concerned about this, especially when the next flood comes along. These projects are needed. They're great projects. They can be public/private; they can be public. Fact of the matter is, one of my amendments gives a two-cent levy to the NRDs to build flood control projects, and then you can do without the help of the private developers. But they're not going to get built without private development money, and the NRD only spent \$3 million on that \$60 million project, and I don't know if that's the pattern for the next one or not. And I love public access. I think everybody should have the chance to boat and fish wherever possible. But the reality of it is, there won't be any more lakes built, there won't be any more reservoirs, there won't be any more recreation areas if this Mines portion of this bill continues. So I'm sorry to be hard-nosed about this. Yes, there is a simple solution. Set her back and I'll debate this after putting it in Senator Landis' bill. What an offer! But I'm not going to let go at this point in time, and I've got amendments that I would compromise on this, and we could move on. But my response is, we'll go to the wall, and I...I just can't do that today. I'm sorry about that. So with that, I guess we'll proceed. I have this amendment. If we get to it and vote on it, I ask you to vote for the amendment. Then I go away. If not, we have some more amendments, and they're good amendments. They're amendments that would make the bill okay. They're not amendments to take time and to stall. But the fact of the matter is, you're being told that this has been worked out. It has not. It has not been worked out. I don't know who you believe here, and I don't know what went on between Dean Edson and the Judiciary Committee, and I don't know what's gone on