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legitimate ... but the Omaha forces chose not to go that way, are you going to have the sack put over your head again by the powerful forces in Omaha? Some of them are powerful. I'm not talking about a single State Senator now when I talk about the power in Omaha. State Senators from Omaha don't have any power. State Senators from Omaha respond to power. That power was wielded with a vengeance and you see what can be done. Is there enough backbone in the rest of the Legislature to stand up to this power and say "No"? This motion to return the bill offers that opportunity. I live in Omaha, Senator Cavanaugh and I'm going to say "No, no, a thousand times no". Had I a thousand votes I could defeat this project by myself. If speaking louder than anybody else verbally would defeat it I could do it by myself, but unfortunately I'm one out of 49. What I see happening reminds me of a cartoon I saw in this mornings World Herald and yesterdays Lincoln paper where all of these Democratic ... I guess it was Democratic candidates for the Presidency, or something, were depicted as rabbits. They were hoping every which a way. Well, to me, I could see that man at the starting line as a certain person, who I will not name, with a lot of money in Omaha cracking the whip and sending all the Omaha rabbits after this Omaha project. They're gathering all the outstate rabbits that they can. Rabbits are not known for their courage. I fear that this project is going to reveal something other then courage and sound judgement in the Legislature. Senator Swigarts demonstration was perfect. When time comes to punch that button I think you're going to see it carried to the nth degree.

Members of the Legislature, think for a moment. How can the Senators in Omaha hurt you if you don't go for this project that you know is not valid? How can the powerful people with money in Omaha hurt you? You all have a conscience, you have self-respect, or you should have, and nobody can do anything to you that you don't allow to be done to you. External forces and powers cannot damage you, but if you put yourself in a compromised position you make yourself very vulnerable like a turtle would be if you took him out of his shell. You do not need to make yourself morally vulnerable. You can take this position and vote the way you know you ought to vote. Some of you know and some of you have said that you know that an aye vote is not appropriate on this piece of legislation. So here's where you have the compromise, you get to vote your fear and you get to vote your conscience. Give the only aye vote on this issue ... on the motion I'm offering now and you've discharged your responsibility. You can tell them yes, 1006 was on the board and you voted aye. So let's give an aye vote to this motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature and Senator Chambers. I'm the big jack rabbit. Senator Fitzgerald says that I'm Peter Rabbit. Really, Senator Chambers, it is really a shame that in all of your great oratorical ability ... and you're getting to be one of the best because of practice, almost on every bill you're up with words of wisdom for all of us. You're always able to say "place your bellys up there and show that nobody controls you", that's really a great ploy, probably one of the best that can be done in here because it does make your