

ConAgra is getting and we know that. That's why that handout I gave you that came from Sunday's Journal-Star will say, "Hunger gnawing at more and more of Lincoln's poor." They are not going to go to work for ConAgra in the headquarters in Omaha. And then at the bottom, "Top execs could get big savings from capital gains exclusion." Wouldn't that look good in Russia, or Libya, or the People's Republic of China, so we could talk about how they take care of the fat cats while talking about being for the proletariat? But this is America, the land of the free, the home of the brave, God Bless America and the national anthem at baseball games, hot dogs, mustard, apple pie and motherhood, that's where. They talk about hunger gnawing more and more of Lincoln's poor and top execs getting big savings from capital gains exclusions. You know what we're dealing with here, and Senator Johnson knows, this is a morality play. We are symbolizing and personifying various traits, good, evil, virtue, virtue's opposite, tenacity, sloth...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...honesty, perseverance. That is what is being played out here today and it's being played out before whoever watches human beings and judges their conduct and has set aside a date, based on some of the superstitions, when they will be placed on scales and weighed to see whether or not they will come up wanting. And on other occasions those kind of statements have a great deal of appeal, for example, if somebody is talking to young kids at a graduation. But when the real world comes into play and that sharp, hot edge of the knife touches that spider web, fragile as it is of legislative morality, the spider web evaporates and there is no sign of it, because the real world is different and a stand must be taken and sometimes there are consequences to pay.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm asking that you bracket this bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Those in favor of the motion to bracket the bill vote aye, opposed nay. A roll call vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Roll call vote read. See page 1805 of the Legislative Journal.) 1 aye, 29 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The motion fails.