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the south balcony. Will you all stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Nebraska Legislature. Seeing no further lights, Senator Chambers, to close on the amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, one of my youthful colleagues had some comments for me that he probably should have made on the mike, not that they're disparaging, but I think they would have been apropos. There was a bit of wit and cleverness in them, but I will not repeat them because he chose not to say them. One thing that apparently people don't understand about me yet, I'm not owned by anybody. I will not be silenced by anybody, and I'm not seeking anybody's approval or friendship in this Legislature. I don't socialize, I don't fraternize. I don't do any of those things to mislead anybody as to what it is that I'm about in this Legislature. I doubt that anybody can be more cordial and gracious than myself when I'm permitted to demonstrate those traits, but the time for me to speak is the time when the spirit of speaking descends upon me. There are members of this Legislature who boldly, at the beginning of the session and during the interim, had so much to say. Well, now we're in the Chamber together. We are here, and the opportunity presented itself to my colleagues to put me in the box and they felt that they did it. And now my day has to come. You all know that I'm not going to cut and run. You know that I'm not going to take low. And if you don't know it, I want to make it crystal clear so that you can count up the costs when you do these things. And you may wish that it had gone a different way earlier in the session. I don't care. That's past. What was done was done. The die is cast indelibly. So get ready for more of this, but as I stated at the beginning, I won't tell you when, unless I decide to. So I'm going to take a vote on my amendment, and I'm going to cast my lonely vote and watch the board light up like communist Russia, all red. But that means nothing to me. I'm serious about the motion and I think the resolution ought to acknowledge me in the same way that the Legislature has done already through their rules activity and enshrining me in those rules.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The question before the body is the adoption of the Chambers amendment to the Coordsen resolution. All those in favor vote aye; all those