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confines of a city. But if they are going to apply that term to their individual city and take umbrage, what can I do about that? Now, what I want to try to make people understand is that anything that it suits anybody's fancy to say about Omaha can be said, and it makes me no difference. I don't care what they say about Omaha, I can probably beat them talking about Omaha. But when so many people in Nebraska have nothing more on their mind than to write me long dissertations about why their particular town is not a jerkwater town, I feel like just telling them, the only jackass that brays is the one hit with the rock. I didn't name their town, I didn't even know it existed. But I wanted to let them know that even though Omaha is not referred to anyplace in the statutes or laws as a town, I will get the Legislature to agree with me to bestow upon Omaha this very appropriate American, this is a dyed in the wool hat, American term, Senator Tyson, you won't find this term anywhere else in the world. Jerkwater town is respectable, it is not in any way demeaning. And to prove it, I want to attach it to the thriving metropolis which defines the state of Nebraska. And maybe, by putting that term on Omaha, it will lend a feeling of worth and self-respect, if that's what people need, to all of those who live in a town which they perceive as being a "jerkwater" town. There are editors, apparently, who have had...gotten colicky about this whole thing. So I'd like to ask...oh, Senator Maurstad is not at his mike. I was going to ask him.... Oh, here he comes. Senator Maurstad, would you support this amendment, were I to take it to a vote?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Maurstad, do you understand the rationale that I'm offering as a justification for the amendment?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I understand the rationale you have for offering the amendment. I am going over in my mind as to whether the amendment is pertinent to...your amendment is pertinent to my amendment, so maybe you could help me in that area.