

anything which comes within range of his teeth. I would hate to feel that a similar affliction could befall a human being who sits in this body. I'm not saying that has happened, but I'm saying that if you judge a tree by the fruit it bears, there is evidence that it could be in the process of happening to some people. There was a bill which was, belonged to a good friend of the Chairman of the Urban Affairs Committee and it was taken from my committee, Senator Goodrich's bill, and referred to the Committee on Retirement. Now, I could have taken it as a personal insult because he felt that because of the bad blood that's supposed to exist between him and me, his bill could not get a fair hearing before my committee. I did not object to its being removed. I believe that it is clear to everybody on this floor that the Chairman of the Urban Affairs Committee is very strongly opposed to any district bill for the city council because he has been required to be opposed to a district council bill in Omaha. To show that all of these issues are closely involved and inter-related and those of you who take the time to read the World Herald, will see that something Terry Carpenter indicated the other day may be borne out by an editorial of theirs where they told the Legislature, don't act on L.B. 12 because Mr. Kiewit has now ordered John Rittums to join the rest of the city council to unanimsously endorse the resolution which Mr. Rittums did not want to endorse, saying that the city council of Omaha will now put an issue before the people. These are issues which are floating around in peoples' minds that have not been expressed. I'll express them so they're out in the open. This bill, I feel, contrary to what Senator Barnett and the others will say, cannot get a fair shake in the Urban Affairs Committee. I think it is doomed. The fact that it will not be moved up so that it can be heard at a reasonable time to accomplish the ends of the bill is to deny a common courtesy which I was led to believe is often extended to various members in this committee, in this Legislature. As far as I'm concerned, if a bill is referred to the Government committee and the introducer feels that he cannot get a fair hearing because I'm the chairman, and he would ask to have it rereferred, I would assist him in having it rereferred. I don't own that committee, I don't own the bills that come before it. A bill should not live or die based on how I as one man would feel and the influence I might, could assert on the other members of the committee. Four people or five, whatever it takes to make a majority in any given committee, should not be able to deprive the Legislature of hearing an issue which has merit. This bill does have merit, not just because it's similar to the one I'm introducing for Omaha, but because it relates to the basic governmental structure of the second largest city in the state. I think it ought to be given an opportunity to be heard and it ought to be given an opportunity to be heard with enough time to accomplish what the bill intends provided enough vote can be garnered in the entire body.

SPEAKER: The Chair would observe that the reference committee and the Executive Board are two different functions, Mr. Speaker, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PROUD: I rise to reply to Senator Chambers. Very briefly, I realize the hour is late. I was extremely interested in what Senator Chambers said about a bill not having

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