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SENATOR PROUD: Well I've been down here nine years and I never listened to so much garbage in my entire life. In fact it isn't even worthy of a response, in fact it isn't even true, except the part is true what I told the papers and everything I've said about this, that part is true, and I retract nothing, the truth of the matter is, Senator Chambers is a very powerful man down here and he recognizes it, he feels that power, he was able to get a bill through the other day to elect city councilmen in Omaha by district which the people of Omaha basically rejected. That's how powerful he is, and I wouldn't be, am not impugning the integrity of any member of his committee at all. I wouldn't be surprised a bit, but what he has the power to influence that committee, and I'm sure he will do everything that he can to do that. Now this business about me trying to switch committees and all that kind of stuff and how I talked to Senator DeCamp to get the committee to do this and that, that's not true, what Senator Chambers says and Senator DeCamp is sitting right here and I'll put it up to him and I haven't had a big discussion about this either. Senator DeCamp you get up if you will, and I know you will and tell the truth about that little conversation, whether it's against me or for me. That's all I have to say. Except one other thing, as far as prejudice is concerned, in my judgement Senator Chambers is the most prejudiced man on this floor.

SPEAKER: Senator DeCamp do you care to respond?

SENATOR DECAMP: Gee I hate to get involved in these personal squabbles here. I would clarify what actually happened, Senator Proud asked me how I felt I was going to vote and I told him quite simply that I had reservations about his resolution which I certainly still do, but I told him I felt because of the controversy and apparently the great significance at least in the minds of a lot of people of this state that I thought all 49 of us ought to hassel it out over here on the floor, rather than have it determined one way or another, completely by a committee. He asked me if anybody else felt that way, I said I'd certainly find out and in public and at one of our executive sessions I simply asked the other members if they felt that way, and they didn't.

SPEAKER: The Chair would like to recognize Senator Whitney for a, Senator Whitney for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I put some, I put a pamphlet on your desk this morning, it shows a picture of a young boy or girl, about a year old in a high chair, and this high chair little boy or girl says, I'll make the decisions on policy around here. I just want to remind the body, that we are making these laws for these grandchildren in the high chairs, some of us who are a little older were not making these laws for ourselves for very long, because we won't be here very long, but these people are going to be here a long time, that are presently in the high chairs.

SPEAKER: Senator Chambers, your light is on did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes I will, just, I'll be very brief. The members of the Government Committee were present and anybody who would like to read the report of that Executive Session

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