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PRESIDENT: The recognizes Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Well, Mr. President and members, my name as banded around here a little bit. And I appreciate the publicity. I'd like to ask Senator Cavanaugh a question and I'd like to make a statement.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh yield to a question.

SENATOR PROUD: Senator Cavanaugh how do you think I'm going to vote on this? Or do you care?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: You know I care, Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: How do you think I'll vote.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I think you will vote the way that is right.

SENATOR PROUD: That's the nicest damn thing that's been said about me in ten years.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Senator Proud, let me explain. I didn't use your name in my argument because I knew how you would vote or directing it specifically at you. My point is that there different kinds of things different localities in the city composed of different kinds of people with different interests and different needs. And you represent an area of the city that is very much different than mine, on a lot of issues. I think on the issue of education when you boil it down there isn't much difference from the point that your people need..the children who live in your district need quality education and they need someone who knows and is directly concerned and passionately concerned about the children of your locality of the city. The children who live in my area of the city need the same thing, whether you vote with me or not doesn't alter that fact and I wasn't using it to influence..I wasn't using your name to influence you vote, but to make the point that the people in your district are in many different circumstances in a lot of ways, but they do need quality education and you can't say, You can't run for the Omaha school board and say I'm for quality education for the city of Omaha, because that doesn't mean anything. You have to be for quality education on 30th and Farnam on 156th and L. And you can't say that and get elected.

SENATOR PROUD: Thank you, and at any rate that was a very nice thing you said about me and it seems to me that there is only one letter out of the thousands I received in ten years that I've ever framed or thought about framing, and that was a letter from a constituent who said I elected you to use your best judgement, you go right ahead and do that. Because people are always telling me how to vote, and as a matter of fact, they should. As a matter of fact I just received two calls from people very high in educational circles who I'll not name asking me to not to override the Governor, and I do speak for my district as long as I'm down here. And Senator Chambers, the other day said I'm against women and children. Well that doesn't make me want to vote for his bill right now very badly. But nevertheless I talked to Senator Chambers about that and I think he admitted that was rather in jest, because if I have voted..if I am against women and children I certainly voted a lot of bills for them down here and will probably will continue to do so. But as I see this situation it is this.

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