

SENATOR TAVANAUGH: Mr. President, members of the legislature this debate has been extremely gratifying for me to find that I have lost all of my courage from the commerce and industry the rail roads and all of the special interest of the state. I guess that I have finally arrived here today. The fact is that the question of courage runs both ways, and Senator Carpenter says that we are looking for leadership and crying for leadership and he is a leader and I conceded to him. He is a wonderful leader and this legislature would be a very different place without him. Leadership entails certain responsibility and I don't think that Senator Carpenter has exerted as much responsibility as he has leadership. It takes a certain amount of courage to oppose Senator Carpenter on this floor because Senator Carpenter is noted for his inductive and personal criticism and duression of anyone that opposes a measure that he supports and I suppose that I am entitled to that in this particular case, but at the same time I am entitled to demand responsibility of Senator Carpenter's leadership, which is what I am doing here. If you want to talk about questions of courage, Senator Fellman does and whether or not we can withstand the onslaught of the special interest that will approach themselves upon us to exert their influence to be exempted out of this bill. I would say that that is part of the process and part of the system. If we can not withstand that, we should abolish ourselves and go home. If we get to the point where people that have an interest in legislation should be deprived of their right and responsibility to attempt to influence us and attempt to influence us with their point of view, then their system no longer works. We may not have the courage to withstand what there special interests may seek to do to this bill and they may in fact get this bill beyond all point of meaningfulness to the consumers of the state of Nebraska. If that happens this legislature should be properly criticised. On the other hand this Legislator would also be subject to vast criticism I believe if we foresake our responsibility to give these people a proper opportunity to influence us and to expose us to their situation and the manner in which this legislature will effect them. That to me would be a terrible avergation of our responsibility and inability a...a..of any demonstration of courate. I don't think that it takes any courage to slip a piece of legislation through that is going to have broad and far reaching effects on the people that transact business in the state of Nebraska. That is not an act of courage that is an act of stelt and deceitfulness. Senator Carpenter, very often in the exercise of his leadership indicates on this floor that he considers that an adequate tool. I simply do not, I think that the people to whom this legislation is going to have an effect should have an opportunity to express their point of view and express what they feel would be the impact of this piece of legislation upon their interests. If we then fail in courage to evaluate their interests and evaluate the proper rights of the people of the state of Nebraska and needs with regards to price fixing then we have failed the people of the state of Nebraska and we very often do. I think that there are many people in this legislature that don't have courage. I don't think that I am one of them, and I don't think that my position in bracketing this bill indicates that. I think that all I have requested in requesting that the bill be bracketed is to give everybody that will be influenced an opportunity to exert their influence on us and to persuade us of the effect of this bill upon them. They haven't had this opportunity, the amendment was put on on the 11th of this month and it is now only the 15th of this