

March 22, 1974

SENATOR KEYES: I want to point a personal privilege. Senator Carpenter, do you want them to call you terrible Terry, or just plain Terry Carpenter, and spell it right?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Call me anything you want to as long as it brings the attention of my activities.

PRESIDENT: Alright, next to speak is Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT: State your point Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It is indeed a privilege to address this august body, on this fine morning, the snow is falling the weather is incliment but we are all assembled to take care of the states business and I want to tell you that I feel very good about being here, 1/49th of the government of the state of Nebraska. I was a little bit disturbed the other day about the amount of time being spend not transacting business that would get us to general fine, but since I see which way the current is going to go, and to try and stop it would be like standing on the beach with a broom trying to seep the ocean back to where it came from and that is an exercise in futility and I think that I will join in with the legislature and become one of the fellows this morning and I want to talk about what was done to me in the newspaper which I felt, I won't call unjust, it was the mistake on the part of a young reporter, in one of the school papers. She came to my office and interviewed me about the school election by district bills and when the article came out in the a paper the things that I said about the school election by district bill, she had me quoted as saying about my run for governor, so I want to take this opportunity for those of you that read the papers that the students write, and those of you who might know the student, that when I said that I may not win this time, but I'll fight the issue until I do win it, it wasn't talking about a run for the Governorship, but the passage of a bill to require the election of school board members by district, and I think that this was such a confused or confusion of such very important issues that I had to clarify it. One of the things a...a..one other thing for the Lincoln Journal. There was a bill before the body dealing with the spending of money and I think that it was to raise the income tax to 13% and I was listed as not voting, which was correct. However, whoever wrote that listed me as a democrat, and I think that was a terrible thing to do to me. I have never been a member of any political party, and I have never engaged in partisan politics. So as to hang a label like that on me, would be as bad as calling me a Republican. I now hope that it doesn't happen again. In conclusion I would like to say that with 11 days that we have left in the legislature, I think that it ought to be a time for everybody in this organization to unwind. Forget about trying to do anything worthwhile. If you have some bills that you think are important, nobody will cherish your feelings, so stop being in a turmoil. Stop being in a tense mood, stop trying to figure stragedy by which you can get a bill considered that you feel important. Just ride along

(end belt #4)