

SENATOR DeCAMP: I wish you would listen because this takes a whole bunch of votes and it sure as blazes didn't have many to start with. About this time of year...about this time of year, every year, I have to come before you and I have to say, trust me, and this is one of those times. Now why am I telling you to trust me. Well, because this bill only had eleven votes on Final Reading, it takes thirty to reconsider it and about half of the Legislature is gone. Therefore, by even the most fundamental mathematics, that means I need just about everybody, and since you almost all voted against it in the beginning, I am not going to be able in a moment's time to convince you and therefore you have to trust me. Okay, what is 535? 535 is a major bill that comes out of, I think, Senator Newell's committee and it redoes the accountability law, it redoes a lot of the lobbying laws. In other words, it is a heck of a major bill on running campaigns and doing everything. Now my natural inclination...remember I am the one that sponsored the bill that repealed, repealed, wiped out, got rid of, exterminated, I would like to say, the Sunshine Commission, and that would have been successful had not my very good friend, J.J. Exon, vetoed that bill and suggested what I could do with it in no uncertain terms. I think the system we offered when we repealed it was far better than what we have now. But the other day when this bill was on Final Reading, 535, I was sitting there and Senator Marvel would not let me leave my chair because he began enforcing all these rules about having to sit in your chair. Senator Reutzel had completely ruined the day by making him read very slow word for word and having nothing better to do I thought, why don't I read this bill, and so I did and I discovered much to my surprise just as I was ready to put the old red vote on it that really this bill straightens out many, many, many...Murphy's law, the moment you are convinced that everything is going well, you can be equally sure that everything ugly is right around the corner. Anyway, I began reading this bill, and I discovered that many of the things that I had previously complained about, previously pointed out that I thought might even be unconstitutional, and previously used as reasons for repealing that Sunshine Commission, many of these things were being corrected...were being corrected by this bill, and then I discovered, and I will be very frank with you on this, I discovered it had some other provisions that I thought are really important. If I am out campaigning and I don't have the sophisticated campaign machinery of some of our good city senators, we country boys, we just go down the street, take a taxi like well let's say, O'Neil, Nebraska, and one of the traditional ways of campaigning is...well, to be real honest is to walk into the bars because that is where the people are going to