

the majority of the time, in fact, almost all the time, place the interests of the State of Nebraska and the interests of the people first and because I disagree with them and because I disagree with Senator Chambers sometimes or you, Senator Hoagland, doesn't mean that I think you are being pushed around by the lobbyists. I think we are mostly sincere people and I think you are making a bad mistake in overrating the power of the lobbyists. You give them more credit than they deserve. With that comment I think that it is appropriate for us to move this bill and handle the issue on Select File. Again I am saying that there may be some amendments to LB 820 that may be workable but at this point in time, looking at the load on General File, I think it is prudent for us to move on.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion has to do with the suspension of the rules. Senator Chambers, do you wish to speak to that motion and then Senator Lewis?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I don't think I have said anything about the lobbyists on the floor of the Legislature at all this session and it seems that an opening has been presented by two individuals for whom I have a high regard but when Senator Cullan says that the interests of the people of the State of Nebraska are put first the only way in general that can be said is if you adopt the attitude that one of the Presidents did that the business of America is business. Therefore, whatever is good for business has got to be good for America. Who can spend \$7,000 like one of the reports showed in one month to hire a gun to come down here and literally in some cases, twist the arm of a senator? Some people may find this hard to believe but I have actually seen senators out there in that rotunda and other places being chewed out by a lobbyist, a lobbyist, a lobbyist, not a mere lawyer. Why in some cases lawyers stand taller than lobbyists and then we are going to have the nerve to defend the lobbyists in here. It is like people with bean shooters trying to defend somebody who has a howitzer. The lobbyists don't need defense from in here. Why they have got a thousand different ways at their disposal to sabotage submarine or do whatever they want to with anybody in here. They could even try to get me, notice I said try to get me, because the tools at the lobbyists disposal for getting people don't work with me. They can't tell me, you won't drink with us. I don't want to drink with them anyway. You won't eat with me. I don't want his food. He can't buy me with a meatloaf sandwich and a chicken dinner and I wanted to say it where they could hear me. You see issues arising on this floor and people trotting out from this body to get their marching orders from the lobbyists. The bankers...I saw Mr.