

Brandt sending in messages. I don't know if there is somebody pulling his string out there, telling him what to tell whoever he tells in here. The water bill shows the power of the lobbyists. We see it every day. There are senators who do more work to line up lobbyists behind their proposition than they do senators. This body in this chamber is the visible government. The invisible government is out there in the lobby. They make the decisions. They decide what this Legislature is going to be allowed to deal with. They have hired guns in here who make the motions to prevent debate from occurring on certain issues because they don't want that debate to occur and we were voted on by people to come down here and represent their interests. The 11th Legislative District in Omaha did not send a coward to this Legislature and I don't care what interests the lobbyists represents. I don't care how many senators, any individual in here can scare together to try to oppose me in any way he or she chooses. I am going to do what my job is in this Legislature and it is not to knuckle under to the lobbyists or anybody else. I think we show ourself to be timid, frightened individuals when we allow our rules to be suspended, not really to facilitate the Legislature's business but to placate some lobbyist who feels that what he or she wants may not be considered by the Legislature in time. If we really are interested in the welfare of the people those kind of issues that deal with whether somebody is going to have enough to eat or something to wear or even whether future generations will have water to drink are the kind of issues that the sparks should fly on if there are to be sparks but not the kind of crocodile tears I see shed in here for the people who want to gouge larger interest rates. What will happen to the revolving credit accounts if we don't raise their right to charge more interest? What will happen to the... how about the bankers? If we don't take care of the bankers what is going to happen to them? Then we come to a situation where voiceless, powerless people have interests that are to be considered and they get trampled down into the dust...

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and we know it. So what I have got to say in my last thirty seconds is that I am opposed to Senator Cullan's motion to suspend the rules and whenever I think an issue like this is raised on the floor of the Legislature about the lobbyists, nobody is going to get me to stand up here and laud them. They are paid and that is the only reason they are down here. Take away their