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Although the Governor vetoed it, this state was the first one in modern history to pass a bill abolishing the death penalty outright, which my name was on as sponsor. Now while everybody praises the athletes who play Big Red football and elevate Big Red football to the level of a religion, I was the one who fought tooth and nail to get a bill through here to insure them and ensure that their scholarships not be taken if they are injured, and although I was fought tooth and nail by the lawyer for the University, now that the bill is in place he told me, in court a few weeks ago, that it is one thing that makes them very proud because this is the only state in the country with such a provision. So I fight to get things. Then those with whom I fight, after it's done, recognize the value of it. I'm saying this so that the new people will understand my bitterness. Was I surprised at what happened yesterday? No, deja vu for about the fifth time. Am I bitter? If you can't detect the answer to that question from what I have said, then you are suitable for a chairmanship in the Legislature of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment of Senator DeCamp's I should be for because under that system I would have, today, been Chairman of Administrative Rules and Regulations instead of Senator Hannibal. But I believe that the present system works best. The Legislature decides who they think would be the better chairmen, or whatever criteria they use. For this reason, I really don't like to oppose my good friend, Senator DeCamp, on this. It is amazing, I've only been here four years and in four years I am already 20th in seniority. So I could just about count on, two years from now after the next election, when some of you will possibly retire and some of you may be defeated, that I'll move even higher up. With 13 standing committees and I don't know how many select committees I'd have an excellent chance then of being a chairman. But I don't think it would be fair to all of the senators. So, for this reason, I will vote against my friend, Senator DeCamp, on his amendment. I wanted you to know my reasoning for it, Senator DeCamp, as well as the rest of the Legislature. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there anyone else to speak on the DeCamp motion? Senator DeCamp, do you wish to close?