

Harris got all these bumper stickers with red, white and blue stripes on them, and stars everywhere, talking about America first. First in what, Senator Harris? Denial of the citizens rights? Is that what America is first in? If that is what it means, I'll take 1,000 of your bumper stickers and I'll pay you for them. We ought to make it clear what we are talking about. But that is not what Senator Harris means. Senator Harris means that, to him, America is a great country, that America has profound principles based on freedom, justice and equality that are worth preserving. Moving from that you go to the right of the people within this country to operate businesses and earn a decent living. Because there are certain other forces outside this country who are more efficient, or being subsidized by their governments, able to bring about a type of competition that the bastion of competition cannot meet, you ought to put some barriers to those groups and say, America first, may she always be right, but right or wrong, America first. America first, even if she tramples into the ground the very principles she espouses. That is what this boils down to. So what Senator Hall is saying is that if you are going to trample the citizens into the dirt, at least take the spikes off the shoes. In addition to taking the spikes off, put some gum soles on the bottom of those shoes so then as you trample upon the citizen there won't be an undue amount of damage done to that citizen. I think what he is offering is very reasonable. If people grow weary of discussing...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...this bill, imagine what a wearisome thing the Legislature is contemplating doing to the citizens. Even should Nebraska decide to tuck tail, roll over and swallow spit of my good friend, Lizzy, you don't have to do it before 1989. Let the state pretend that it is independent for at least four more years. Why do you have to rush to degradation? Why do you have to rush to shame? Why do you have to rush to carry out this death wish, death wish to democracy, Senator Morehead? It is, aye, a terrible day for the republic. I'm in support of Senator Hall's amendment as far as it goes and I hope you will support it too.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.