

the really important things that determine whether or not coalitions stand or not will prevail. And we are at...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...one of those junctures today. Yes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I just want to raise the call. Excuse me. Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That is quite all right. Senator DeCamp mentioned the term "victory". I would add the word "phyric" to that. A phyric victory is one where you overcome your foe but you have to commit so many of your resources and you are so wounded in the process that another day when another battle must be fought, you lose. So you win the victory and you lose the war. I don't know what those who supported 662 really wanted. They talked to the Governor. He would listen to them. I saw the Governor coming up the steps, it may have been the last day that he could act on the bill or the day before, and I talked to Senator Don Dworak who was right behind the Governor, and I told him that the Governor would make a terrible gamble if he signed that bill, that nobody can assure him of what other senators are going to do to try to rectify whatever they thought needed rectification after his signature, if he signed it. They took the chance anyway. So what were they voting for when they voted for 662? They voted for everything in the bill or at any rate there was nothing in the bill so bad that it overbalanced their support for whatever it was they liked in the bill. What they had put in the bill that caused me to object to it was sufficient to overcome my support of consolidation. So I voted against the bill. And now here we are today with all these discussions as though we are talking about the issue of consolidation or a 1.5 percent sales tax which won't be enough to underwrite the cost of what was promised in that bill. I said on the day that bill was being voted on that it ought to be 666 because it had the mark of the beast, Senator Chizek, and I pointed out that without the mark of the beast you could neither buy nor sell. We have to determine who has it within their power to affix the mark, to see what is going to be bought and sold this morning. That is what we are talking about here and it does get to me whenever we get into these subjects where politics is the order of the day. People want to talk like partisan politics will have no part to play. There were meetings