

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I had said earlier how I feel about this amendment and what I would try to do to this bill. And when I make a promise like that and a pledge, I have to carry through on it. There are means to stop this bill. Now Ak-Sar-Ben and their minions put Senator Conway in a bind the other day and he was forced to ask the Legislature to pass over this bill and not read it. He is a new member down here. He wasn't aware of all of the maneuverings that were going on and he got locked in a box. And the rest of us, at least 24 others, not myself included, helped to shut the lid on that box. He brought a bill in here along with certain others to assist these little tracks. That was the basis on which the bill was introduced. It was advanced on that basis and moved across the floor. Then Ak-Sar-Ben came down here and started rattling their spurs and gouging the spurs into the hides of those they control and, lo and behold, we are in a position where this little bill that everybody said, who supported it originally, had a meritorious purpose. So I am going to do all I can to kill it directly or indirectly. And it won't make Ak-Sar-Ben any difference, but it might make the little tracks some difference. Maybe they will learn how to stand up to Ak-Sar-Ben, and if they can't do it openly, then their representatives in this Legislature can come around to various senators and say, Ak-Sar-Ben forced us to do this, we have no choice, save us from our weakness. Then we can feel free to rescue them from Ak-Sar-Ben. There is no honor in Ak-Sar-Ben. There is no nobility about them. They are heavy-handed and brutal in the way they compel the wills of these little tracks and those interested in them. So if Ak-Sar-Ben can have the gall, the audacity and the naked power to manipulate the Legislature in the way that it has up to this point, I, as a member of this Legislature who will not be so manipulated, have an obligation to make use of the rules and every gem and stratagem at my disposal to stop Ak-Sar-Ben from doing what they have done. And, Senator Conway and Senator Rupp and others, this is the situation that you found in Vietnam where they were destroying cities and villages, killing men, women and children and where a handkerchief head, Uncle Tom's sell-out Mayor in Philadelphia, allowed black people to be bombed, destroyed them in order to save them, that is the philosophy which must be used on this bill. It must be destroyed to save it. And I, for one, am going to do everything I