

that the Legislature sees fit to grant to so many others. On other issues that come before us today you're going to hear lawyers stand up here and tell you about the justice of doing such and such. Don't bow to the insurance companies. Think about the poor injured individual whom society owes an obligation and when they give you those arguments on other matters, call them right back to what they did this morning and say, but you did not have that concern for the cab drivers and their families or the truck drivers and their families, now you want to take the cloth that you rejected as being unfit and somehow make it a holy garment which will enshroud an idea that you rejected earlier. I can continue to vote for those things that I believe are just and I don't have to distort and flip-flop and twist my principles to do so. Some people's principles are some...remind me of the bed of Procrustes. This was a gentleman who was not very gentle although he seemed to be when people would first happen upon his dwelling. He would give them a good meal, might play some music, make them feel very, very much at home, then when time came to go to bed there was a bed that they had to lie in. The only one who was lucky was the one who precisely fitted the bed. If you were too long, as Senator Hoagland and Senator Johnson might be too long, he would unceremoniously chop that person down to size. If he happened to be too short, as perhaps Senator Hannibal and myself would be too short, he had a means of stretching us until we reached the proper length. Some people's principles are like Procrustes' bed. If it's suitable to argue in behalf of the common person or the underdog, then they cut their principles down to fit the poor little underdog. If it becomes necessary to make those principles to fit a scoundrelly group of corporations that want to take the farmland, then they stretch those principles out to encompass the corporations. And it is interesting when you're an observer of human nature and the human condition to watch the flexibility of these principles. They stretch and contract as Plastic Man in the comic books used to be able to do. What I am asking is that you save Senator Hoagland's legislative soul, that you save Senator Beyer from himself and this agreement which could have been drawn up by Mephistopheles and presented to a weak Faust, be stricken from this bill and know such injustice be written into the statutes of the State of Nebraska although other injustices are there. I would like to ask Senator Hoagland a question, then that will terminate my remarks and opening on this motion. Senator Hoagland, if you could have your