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and they are talking right in my ear. I am distracted.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I didn't hear you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I didn't hear that.

PRESIDENT: I asked for a little order in the Chamber, (gavel) next to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Instead of a shotgun approach, could you be a little more specific in presides.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. They are going to give me a break. Now, I don't think they were aware that they were distracting me. But anyway...and I hope that won't come off my time, Mr. Chairman. See, I am trying to add a little levity to cool our tempers a bit, if I can. Clifton Batchelder saw some things going on in this state that he was very offended at, so he got a bill passed that throughout the country was called the "shoot your neighbor law". If somebody did something you didn't like, in effect, you could shoot them and that was applauded by the members of the Legislature because it doesn't take much to get that kind of applause. But it was ridiculed all over the country and it wound up somehow in the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court shook their heads and said, this is atrocious, this thing is certainly not constitutional and it was struck down. There is a genre of laws that come through this Legislature and this fits into it, fits like fingers in a glove, and what I think we ought to do is consider some of the points that Senator Higgins raised because that is what underlies this bill. Here is what Mr. Crouse has quoted in the February 12th edition of the Omaha World Herald, morning edition, as saying. Crouse said after the debate that he is "disturbed" that Chambers "has chosen to associate himself with many of the extremists and hate groups active in the state." He referred to Chambers' appearance last month at an allegedly right wing anti-Semitic farm rally at Kearney, Nebraska. "It is obvious from his attendance at the Kearney rally where he is coming from on this bill." And that is as stupid and asinine and racist and anti-Semitic, and whatever else you want to call it, a comment that can be made. I opposed this bill years ago

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