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PRESIDENT: The debate is closed. Senator Chambers, you have the opportunity to close.

SPEAKER NICHOL PRESIDING

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Beutler got some of you upset by saying that if you bracket this bill, it will indicate that tenacity is rewarded, something like the revival of LR 16 was rewarded by the tenacity not only of people in this body but outside too, so that is old hat. But I am going to concede the rest of my time to Senator DeCamp. Mr. Chairman. Senator Nichol. Mr. Chairman...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I am going to concede the rest of my time to...or yield it to Senator DeCamp on this closing.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, you have four and a half minutes.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, this is an important issue. I would like to tell the body a true story, an honest to goodness true story. And I wish you would listen because this true story occurred in the Nebraska Legislature. Slam your hammer. I can't even hear myself.

SPEAKER NICHOL: (Gavel.) Ladies and gentlemen, would you please hold your conversation down so that we may hear Senator DeCamp. Thank you.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay. It occurred on the floor of the Legislature of the State of Nebraska on almost this identical bill about 8 or 10 years ago, and I don't know how many of you were still here but you may remember. On almost this identical bill I finally offered an amendment leaving the bill completely intact. And the amendment said, "provided, however, nothing in this law shall prevent", and then it recited what it would not prevent. For approximately one hour the members of the Legislature got up and, one after another, they said how bad this language was I was offering. They said how dangerous it was for maintaining civil order, and then finally the vote was had on that particular amendment on almost this particular bill. That language I offered was defeated by the Nebraska

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