

the problem has remained substantially unchanged, get this Legislature which has been hostile to the executive to admit all that and yet agree to go along with it by a formal vote placing all this before itself so that nobody can say, I didn't understand, I thought we were really functioning as a Legislature. And he can sit back as any person who scores a great victory against the odds can do and sip coffee or tea or whatever you sip at a time like that, based on your preference, talk to your friends and say, look what I have achieved. One time I made a reference to the Legislature as "the carnival of the animals", not a carnival of animals, and they took great offense. Now I am not going to use that terminology anymore. You make a mistake when you give a label to something. The best thing to do is to get them to engage in the conduct so that their conduct defines what they are. So if I am the ringmaster and they are jumping through the hoops, the public will provide the proper characterization. We have got all these conservatives sitting around here jumping through a liberal young Governor's hoops, admitting it is not going to do a thing. I even heard Senator Abboud back there talking about following the Governor's lead which he has never talked about doing before. They can't hurt Bob Kerrey anymore. If they go through this charade and wind up with nothing, they can't hurt him, he is not running. They have forgotten that. But they can hurt themselves and they can hurt the image of the Legislature which obviously means nothing because things are done every session that will accomplish that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I want some things in the record because, believe it or not, I get transcriptions of what we do sometimes and that makes very delightful, enjoyable reading. The posturing, the empty words, the things repeated time after time about being concerned about the public and looking out for the public good and that is why these cuts are made, then somebody finds something happening in their district or their bailiwick and suddenly they say, we shouldn't cut this, we shouldn't cut that, like we tried to help agriculture yesterday, which we should do. But some of us are not picking and choosing those things that benefit us in our districts only, we are looking at what we think is in the best interest of the state based on what we as a Legislature have a responsibility to do. But on the whole,