

the wisdom and all of the superiority and everything at their disposal creating a depression where certain large segments of the population cannot make it. I'm becoming, again, a spectator to this passing parade of superiority that is Americana. I'm going to watch to see how it is resolved. One thing I hope is that Bob Kerrey will keep his resolve. He said if we stay here until we are old people, Senator Chronister, you and I won't have to stay here too much longer if that is the case, but nevertheless we'll stay here. So I want us not to pass the tax bills, make the cuts and cause the misery without solving the problem and I'm going to see if Kerrey will call us back. We'll again refuse to act. I'm going to see if he calls us back. I want to see if the resolve is there that he has indicated, and I'm going to see if the Legislature will get its back up as some are indicating and we'll have a clash of the Titans, not an irresistible force striking an immovable object, because that is a contradiction in terms. If a force is irresistible, nothing can resist it. If an object is immovable, there cannot be an irresistible force. So I just thought as a descendant of slaves I would give that little bit of information to the descendants of the slave master to show that we may not be quite as inferior as some people think.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, please.

SENATOR DECAMP: Question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question is, shall debate cease? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Vard Johnson, are you going to close?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, in listening to the debate on the cigarette tax bill, it is very clear to me that there are a number of folk who oppose the bill who do not like any references made to cigarette smoking, health, taxes. Somehow that is an unfair portion of the debate. If, in fact, I elude or other members of this body elude to the fact that cigarette