

honest, Senator Chambers, for some reason, the news media in Omaha have led the people of Omaha to believe that you are solely responsible for taking down the pictures of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. And no matter how many people ask me about it, as you well know many people ask me all the time two questions, how do you get along with Ernie Chambers, and what do you think of John DeCamp? Those are the two questions I get asked most often when I meet someone new. I'll answer that in private to you, Senator Rupp. But I can tell you this, I don't speak derogatorily about any of my colleagues in Omaha, unless it is absolutely necessary when we are discussing a bill. When I go outstate, campaigning, I tell it like it is also. But anyway, the only reason... I wish Senator Scofield would let me use my five minutes, then I'll turn around and fight with her. (Laugh.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Scofield, let's not bother her. Thank you.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Anyway, the only reason I would say that it should be debated is simply because of what the news media has done in Omaha, led the people to believe that those portraits came down because Senator Chambers demanded it, forced it, or whatever, and that is the only reason. As I say, this letter saying we're changing the original architecture, look at the lights up there in the balcony, and as I say the new electronic board, look at the telephones you have. None of this is the original. This microphone I am speaking over. So, the reason I guess I will not support the resolution to send it back to the Reference Committee is I told the people in Omaha that we did not take those portraits down because Senator Chambers demanded it. And I have to go ahead with this debate or discussion of it for that simple reason, to show them that it was not for that reason. Hopefully the media will correct the impression they have left the people in Omaha, that Senator Chambers is solely responsible.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: I would call the question.