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reminded us, said the same thing more eloquently. Burn down the cities and leave your farms and the cities will grow up again. But destroy your farms and the grass will grow in every city in the union. And what was true for the nation as a whole in 1896 is true for Nebraska in 1993. For those of you, and I thought some of you might be interested in my lesser efforts in terms of expressing that same elegant sentiment, a metaphor was suggested to me by a newspaper article I read last night. It described the youth of Lincoln sewer sludge as fertilizer on the farm fields of Lancaster County. And the lesson I take from that is that Lincoln and Omaha, for that matter, would soon be in deep doo-doo but for the farmer. Thank you. (Laughter.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: We follow doo-doo with BS, I don't know how...(Laughter.) There is a just reward, I guess. Members of the body, colleagues that I served with in the past and new members, new colleagues that are here, I...one of the privileges of being able to run for office is simply having again an opportunity to talk with each of you during the last two or three months. And that itself has been a pleasure and something that I...friendships that I've built along the...on the way on that I will cherish and continue to build on those for years and years to come. Since I have spoken with each of you in the last few weeks particularly, I am not going to reiterate why I feel I should be the Chair of the Natural Resources Committee. But I will say simply the following, that the Chairman of the committee will have very dedicated people on that committee working with that Chairperson. And that group of people have in their hands and power an ability to shape our state, by not only working together and, in some cases, give and take together, but in all cases having a vision of where we, in Nebraska, need to be in our resources so that our children and grandchildren, many of those that are here today, have a better and greater Nebraska, and a better home in a place that we do call Nebraska. And I urge your support, and I thank you very much for the privilege of being...running for this position.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Are there any further nominations? Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President, I'd move nominations cease.