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SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Pirsch. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. Senator Chambers, I couldn't have said better myself. Yes. You have been a good teacher, gosh, especially on those controversial issues, which you and I are usually on the other side of. I just want to point out that if you do change the rule that the Committee on Committees report would not be able to be amended, of course, you would not have the two changes that you just did have or that you will have if the Committee on Committees report is adopted. Just wanted to tell you that in the past five senators have been from the caucus. Now maybe that wasn't right, but maybe our Committee on Committees caucus representatives fought harder for that seat, as, indeed, they would trade for Agriculture or Natural Resources or some other committee that perhaps someone from the Sarpy-Douglas County area would not want as much. So let's look at we had Chizek as Chairman; we had Pirsch as Vice-Chair; we had Abboud and Chambers and Labeledz last year. I know Labeledz did not want to be on Judiciary Committee but she was for the last two years. So that was the makeup of Judiciary Committee with the Douglas-Sarpy caucus. Now this year, Senator Hall was added. He has not been on the committee before, and I guess I assumed naively that he would take Senator Labeledz's place. Obviously, no one in my caucus felt that that should happen. Senator Chambers, I do want to remind you that the cloture rule only passed after I used it, if you will remember. The next session then, indeed, we did adopt a cloture rule. I am usually mild-mannered, speak quietly and shortly because I object to a lot of the thundering and empty rhetoric on this floor, but I feel very strongly about this, and, quite frankly, I, too, probably will forget...no, not forget, but will go on and be effective where I can and support those things that I feel strongly about and fight against those things that I feel should not be done. That's not going to change that with me, but I will tell you in here I have a different feeling that I have not had before, and maybe it is my turn to be tempered and my turn to be humbled and my turn to feel the sting of some of my colleagues. I will pick myself up and dust myself off, and start all over again.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Robinson

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, make a few