

So I was just at the Plaza Hotel Cafe, having breakfast. You can tell the NRA is in town. This guy sits down at the counter. Right away his legs started pumping, in that nervous, twitchy way – up down, left right, like a cyclist on a stationary cycle. They were drumming away, and this before he even got any coffee. Then, the waitress serves him some coffee. He grabs a creamer, clutches it in his left hand. POP! With his right he came down on the creamer with the blunt point of his knife. Another creamer, POP! There is cream all over his left hand, but he manages to get some of it into his coffee.

I go back to my paper.

A couple of minutes later the waitress comes through with refills. POP! POP! he's got his brew back in balance. At least it is, I shudder at the thought that this guy will be trying out assault weapons in just a few short minutes.

Did you all catch Sen. Feingold's tiff with Sen. Specter yesterday?

(as per AP wire report)

"I don't need to be lectured by you!" the chairman, Senator Arlen Specter, Republican of Pennsylvania, shouted at the Democrat, Senator Russell D. Feingold of Wisconsin. "You are no more a protector of the Constitution than am I."

What set off Mr. Specter was Mr. Feingold's saying he opposed the amendment, cared for the Constitution and intended to leave the meeting.

"If you want to leave, good riddance," Mr. Specter said.

Mr. Feingold said: "I've enjoyed your lecture, too, Mr. Chairman. See you."

The Nation has a more complete report, including Sen. Feingold's follow up statement:

<http://www.thenation.com/blogs/thebeat?bid=1&pid=84876>