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but what he was concerned about what the body could and couldn't do in the future, as I listened to all that I kept saying to myself, why am I sitting here being unhappy? I don't feel like we're getting an accommodation from those we're accommodating, and I'm talking in very general and nonpersonal terms, with regard to expansion of the tax base and the leadership that it needs to do that. When are we going to have those most intimately in charge of the process lead us to a better day, so that we are not all having to fight defensively? Because, while I'm concerned about property taxes, too, and I think my record demonstrates that, but while I'm concerned about property taxes, I'm also concerned about income taxes that are not competitive and damage us in terms of capital formation and creation of jobs.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: There will be others concerned about sales tax. So we need accommodation for everybody. We can have our legitimate differences about the roles of committees. Mine has been consistent. You may all think I'm wrong. I don't believe committees exist for the purpose of stopping legislation that the members of the committees are opposed to, if I did, I wouldn't vote for some of the bills that I vote for in the committee of which I'm a part. I believe that committees exist for the purpose of determining, in an approximate political sense, how the body feels about things and bringing to the floor the very best legislation in order that we can have a great and noble debate on any subject that will inform and enlighten and enthuse and motivate the electorate, and then make decisions in the full light of day.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: I give my time to Senator Brashear. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear, you're recognized.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, thank you, Senator Pedersen. If there's any glimmer of truth in what