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CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to reconsider the vote just taken, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your reconsideration motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Of all of the amendments that have been offered, that one was reasonable and it ought to have been adopted, maybe even before that one on the deposit on the guard...I meant the Seeing Eye dogs and the other dogs, both of them were worthy amendments. I've been trying to explain to some of my colleagues, who are naive and don't understand yet what's going on here, what is going on. This is the Legislature against Ernie Chambers, Ernie Chambers against the Legislature and "Governor" Radcliffe. And the Legislature thinks, the legislators think they're going to make me fold before they fold. But I think what should be done is to count up the cost before certain courses are embarked upon. And now I'm not going to change. Senator Bourne would look at me and I think about an amendment that he is considering and say, well maybe something like that ought to be discussed, but I don't think so. Everything that needs to be said on this bill is being said. And when senators get up for the rest of the session and talk about particular groups that mean something to them, then I'm going to have a jaundiced eye and all I'll say is, like people have said in the past, "remember the Maine", or remember this, or remember that. I'm going to say remember the tenants. So, when somebody comes to me and says, Ernie,...as they've done this session, Senator Bourne, I promise you...and said, Ernie, we need this, you've got to help get this, well at that time I was in a more convivial mood. But as Jesse Jackson said, (laugh) my...what did he say now? My joy-bell has cracked and there are sour notes coming out of it, or something (laugh) like that. Maybe he said his grapes have turned into raisins. But some of the...some of...one of those kind of things that he's good at saying (laugh), which I'm not, because he's a person who does try to accommodate other people. And if I'm accommodated, then I know how to accommodate back. But, if I'm slapped, I know how to take care of myself in that situation. So I'm just serving notice to my colleagues that we'll be doing this again tomorrow and I will be the one doing it, and I'm going to