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CLERK: I believe that's true, Mr. President. LB 936 was discussed this morning, it's on General File. Committee amendments have been offered. There was an amendment to the committee amendments by Senator Chambers. I believe he had opened on that. That amendment is currently pending, Mr. President. (FA341, Legislative Journal 1235.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Discussion on the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments to LB 936? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I had to do a little rushing to get here. What I want to remind the body of is that this amendment would strike the language that would exempt restaurants and other food preparing and serving establishments from this bill. I had said earlier that I think in some small towns the only viable operation may be a restaurant. If you look at the language, you will see that there is a line drawn at 80 percent, and if you serve or prepare food for immediate consumption and what you prepare is less than 80 percent, you're not covered by this bill. I would like to ask Senator Matzke a question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, we carry over the number of speaking times from this morning. So what I thought I'd do is let you take a few minutes to kind of bring everybody...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, I thought I was...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: ...up to...up to speed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, then let me just state what the amendment is.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Proceed, yeah, yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, thank you. Members of the Legislature, what the amendment is designed to do is to, by striking certain language, it would allow restaurants to be eligible to be covered by this bill for the same kind of tax breaks that would be available to other businesses. Mr. President, I'm sorry that I didn't understand.