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they've had enough, fine. If, after four hours, six hours, however many it takes, or they can conclude that they can save their time and get it done toward the beginning of the ordeal. But, in any case, I've offered my amendments to give myself plenty of opportunity to kill this bill. This bill is the "Bismarck". I shall, not I must, I shall sink the "Bismarck" to the bottom of the legislative sea.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Brashear, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, I, too, introduced a bill to repeal the sunset provision and retroactively reinstate the Quality Jobs Act. That bill was killed in the Revenue Committee. I was happy to be a part of the discussions with Senator Wickersham with regard to the propriety, desirability, necessity for always being willing to examine economic development incentives to see how they're working, what the results are, what flaws, if any, exist in the legislation and the like. I was happy to support, and am happy to support, a lesser extension, I will call it. But, notwithstanding where we may be and where we may be going, I will tell you that the Quality Jobs Act was done in my early training here and I am grateful for the opportunity to have participated and proud of the results achieved, as I believe the people and this body can be. It was intended to provide incentives to large-scale major projects and it has done exactly that. It did not have a sunset when it came out of the Revenue Committee in 1995. That was added on the floor. The thought at the time was that was necessary in order to persuade the body, on behalf of the people, to adopt it. We were persuaded, we did adopt it, and the results ought to speak for themselves. In order to qualify initially in the first instance, a project must result in either \$100 million of investment and 250 jobs, or \$50 million of investment and 500 jobs. In fact, the projects that directly resulted from these...this law have done greatly in excess of that. Six employers have had projects approved. That's the first thing. One would sometimes think that economic development incentives are just found on every street corner, apply to everyone, are used by everyone. It's not so. This was a major economic development incentive bill. It was for major projects. It's only been used for major projects and the six