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grocery bill and food stamps. But when we start talking about something that involves the deep pockets, the fat pockets and the Governor, suddenly the term quality of people comes in. We hold these truths to be self-evident, brothers and sisters, that all men are created equal and I would add women. They're endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights. Yet in the Legislature, which is representative of all the people, some people have more quality than others. Makes me think of Animal Farm. Some animals were more equal than others. I have to deal with these matters when they come on the floor. They cannot left without being commented on. What good would it do for me to go and grumble behind Senator Bromm's back and say that what he said was offensive to me? Because I take it that he's applying it to me. I'm the one who engages in all these other debates.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'd like him to identify those quality people so that I can see if I can enlist them in the discussions that I have in the future by asking them questions. Then that will raise the tone of the discussion and perhaps get me some support. He did say he'll support this bill to Select File. He didn't promise anything beyond that. I hope he'll come to his senses and oppose this bill as he should. The halfway measures are what the Legislature does, do things by increments and half steps to make everybody feel good and friendly. Senator Beutler has made some very good points today. He has spoken very learnedly and well, but it's for a project in Lincoln. There are issues that are far more worthy than this that I haven't heard people who have spoken on this address at all. I probably am the most cosmopolitan person here because I speak on all the issues that come before us because all things that affect men and women are things of concern to me.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't seek to know...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.