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Freister, Senator Beutler, the house is under call. Senator Beutler. All members are present. The question before the body is the adoption of the Chambers' amendment to the committee amendment. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. There's been a request for a record vote. Have you all voted who care to? Record.

CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal page 1428.)  
7 ayes, 22 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The amendment is not adopted. I raise the call. Mr. Clerk.

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

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we may as well get down to cases in terms of how the rest of the session is going to go. Whenever there is a bad bill, such as this, and the body is of a mind to discuss it for eight hours, I'm going to guarantee that we will carry every one of those for eight hours, if it's a bill that I am in opposition to. Now I can be drawn into a position of opposing other bills, if it suits my purpose to do that. And I have a rapidly developing purpose for the rest of the session. This bill may be voted or supported, it may be supported for various reasons at this stage of our consideration. But it is a bad vote which is given in support of this bill because it is anticonsumer. We bumped off Senator Wehrbein's compact for the Southern Dairy Compact, which we should have, and I was instrumental in that, and I'm glad. This is worse than Senator Wehrbein's bill, because at least he did not ban the three grades of milk that the compact was not dealing with directly. This bill is designed to ban a class of gasoline. I cannot stand by and watch that happen. If, in order to defeat this bill, it's necessary to call in the assistance of other bills, then I will do that. And I'm doing it for the consumers. Any time a bill comes through here that I think damages the consumers, I'm going to keep it before us so