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SENATOR AVERY: Well, sometimes the way it happens, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you believe two physical objects can occupy the same space at the same time?

SENATOR AVERY: Only in dreams, probably.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I am not going to ask you any more questions, but it is clear that people don't know whether they believe in private enterprise or not. They mouth those slogans. When the Chamber of Commerce says, hip, hip, hooray for private enterprise, they say it. Then when, as in a bill like this, the Chamber of Commerce says, down with private enterprise, it can't do the job, they say that too. Thumbs up, thumbs down, what has the Chamber of Commerce dictated? There is no thought going on here. This bill is contradictory in its statement of purpose to what it says the ultimate goal is. Private enterprise, left to itself, cannot do the job, the state must intervene. Do you know why, Senator Jensen? Because some private landowners want the property of other private landowners who don't choose to sell it or part with it, so one powerful group of private landowners want the state to intervene and take the property from the weaker one and turn it over to them. So what I'm asking, in my amendment, is that we...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...exempt out this condemnation and indictment of capitalism because it's right down my alley, it's what I agree with and, obviously, it's what this body agrees with because the Chamber of Commerce agrees with it, and whatever the Chamber of Commerce says, that is what this body will do. And, on this particular provision, I think it makes it clear that Micron did not put together this piece of legislation and had nothing to do with it. Who, in here, or out there in the watching audience believes that Micron would say that these problems cannot be dealt with effectively by the operations of private enterprise? Senator Jensen, I would like to ask you a question, if I may, because I've been making some assumptions which may not be correct.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator, your time is up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mine or Senator Jensen's?