

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and, Senator Wickersham, my amendment would strike the first three lines of Senator Wickersham's amendment, and what Senator Wickersham wants to do in the part of the amendment that I am striking is the following. He wants to strike these words from the bill, "and to remain competitive with those of other states and localities." I am glad that my good friend from the 14th largest metropolis and its former mayor has returned. Senator Maurstad, I am not going to claim to be an Nostradamus, I am speaking with 20-20 hindsight, not predicting the future. Do you remember when I found some problem with the intent language in this bill and I had offered an amendment to streamline it, and in my original offering of an amendment, I had excluded these words, "and to remain competitive with those of other states and localities," and I came to you and explained my amendment, and you, along with others, felt that that language should stay in the intent language because that dealt with what the bill was interested in doing? Do you recall that discussion?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, I do recall that discussion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And do you recall that that language, I pulled my first amendment which would have struck it, and offered a substitute amendment which did some streamlining but it left those words in the law? Do you recall that?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yes, I do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And do you recall that that amendment was actually adopted by the body?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yeah, I believe it was,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: On April 6th.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...I was trying to find it here because I kept it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, and you are right, it was everything I've said, is just as I said it, and you answered it, and then...