

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Well, pretty close. I wouldn't say it is exactly but...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I won't quibble. However way you want to modify, it is okay because the meat of the subject was agreed to by both of us.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Those words were words I originally wanted to take out. The supporters of the bill said, no, those words are necessary. So, with great shame, and appropriate humility, I admitted I made a mistake, and I pulled that amendment, and I substituted one that put those words back in because those are the words that the body wanted and the supporters of the amendment wanted. Then when that substitute amendment was offered with those words in it, the body adopted that amendment without a dissenting vote. Now comes gloating time. Not Miller time, not Budweiser time either, that's just a little bonus for those who've stuck with us this afternoon, now here comes Senator Wickersham, who wants to take away from me one of the small victories, Senator Cudaback, that I have. And I paid such a price in deflated ego to get that victory. Now he wants to say, Ernie, you were right, we were wrong. So even though we embarrassed you, humiliated you, pounded you into submission, and bent you to our collective will, and forced you, against your will, to knuckle under and leave those words in the bill, after doing that to you, we are going to tell you the joke is on us. We were just playing. You were right, but we're reluctant to say that you are right when you really are, so we had to show you that you were wrong. But because you were so right, and what you offered was so essential to improving the bill, we are going to come back and acknowledge that we, indeed, were wrong; you, indeed, were right. And I am supposed to forget and forgive. I want to hold onto my little victory. I don't want my words taken from that bill. I paid such a high price to put them there that I am reluctant to allow them to be taken from me without a fight. I will tell you another reason, even more substantive than what I've laid out to you before, as to why these words, I think, should stay there. The reasons I gave to you were personal and dealt with how I feel because my little ego was so bruised and pounded. We were told, when this bill was being discussed, and I didn't like it, and Senator Beutler expressed some dislike for it, that this wasn't just 'o be an open-ended bill like some of the others that were already here